Small Parts Ultrasound

The ultrasound examination we use to look at the thyroid gland, parotid gland, breast and testes is known as a "small parts scan". It focuses on detecting abnormalities in these areas and also in other superficial areas of the body.

Preparation

There is no preparation needed for these ultrasound scans.

What happens during the scan?

The patient is asked to lie on the table and then the area to be examined is exposed. Some warmed ultrasound gel is placed on the area and a small probe which produces sound waves will then be moved over the patient's skin. Is it safe?

An ultrasound scan does not involve the use of x-rays and is a simple, painless procedure.

How will I learn the results?

The results will be sent to your doctor who will discuss the results with you.