Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Ultrasound Department. You have been scheduled to have a Pelvic Ultrasound.

This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled. Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

When to come:
Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

Preparation:
There are no diet restrictions; however, a full bladder is required for this exam. Drink 32 ounces of water at least one hour prior to exam time. Do not urinate until exam is complete.

Family:
Family or friends are asked to stay in the waiting area during the test.

Test Instructions:
A registered sonographer will be performing the test, which will take about 45 minutes. The sonographer will apply a warm gel on your belly and a small camera is used to take pictures of the pelvic area. For female patients, vaginal scanning may be required. For this a probe is placed in the vagina to obtain closer imaging of the pelvic area.

The exam may be checked with a radiologist (a doctor specializing in ultrasound exams) who may request additional pictures.

Test Results:
Your test will be read by a radiologist and a report will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor to receive your test results.