



**SAINT ANTHONY  
MEDICAL CENTER**

**Ultrasound Department**  
815-395-5244 or 815-639-8336

**Test Name:**

Abdominal Vessels Ultrasound (aorta, mesenteric, portal, renal duplex or TIPS)

Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Ultrasound Department.

You have been scheduled to have an **abdominal ultrasound** of specific vessels in your belly.

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:**

If you are an adult, do not eat, drink, and smoke after midnight prior to the exam. You may take medications with 2-3 sips of water.

If the patient is an infant to 2 years old, hold the last feeding prior to the exam.

If the patient is 2 to 12 years old, nothing to eat or drink 6 hours prior to exam.

**Family:**

Family or friends may be asked to stay in the waiting area during the test.

**Test Instructions:**

A registered sonographer will be performing the test. The test will take about 45 minutes. The sonographer will apply a warm gel on your belly, then use a small camera which allows different organs to be seen and pictures are taken. The sonographer may need to review the pictures with a radiologist (a doctor specializing in medical imaging) and/ or vascular surgeon who may request more pictures.

**Test Results:**

Your test will be read by a radiologist or a vascular surgeon and a report is sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor to receive your test results.