Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Ultrasound Department.  
You have been scheduled to have an Abdominal 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:  
If you are an adult, do not eat, drink, or smoke 8 hours prior to exam time. You may take medications with 2-3 sips of water.  
If the patient is an infant to 2 years old, please 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, and 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 the radiologist (a doctor specializing in medical imaging) who may request more pictures.  

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