Abdomen Ultrasound (RUQ, Liver, Spleen, Limited Abdomen)

Patient: ______________________________________________________
Appointment Date: ______________________ Time: _____________ am / pm
Location: Madelia Community Hospital. 121 Drew Ave SE. Madelia, MN 56062

Before the Exam:
An abdomen ultrasound uses sound waves, not radiation, and an instrument called a transducer to obtain images of the organs inside your abdomen.
• Eight hours prior to your exam, **do not** eat or drink anything. This includes no smoking and no chewing gum. You may take your morning medication with a small amount of water.
• Arriving late or not following the above preparation instructions will result in rescheduling your exam.

During the Exam:
• You may be asked to undress. A gown will be provided.
• You will be asked to lie on a bed.
• This exam may take up to 60 minutes to complete.
• Warm gel will be placed on your abdomen.
• A transducer will be moved around on your abdomen during the exam, and pressure may be applied to improve the quality of the image.
• The sonographer will take several images, and you may be asked to hold your breathing for certain pictures.
• Your images will be reviewed and read by a radiologist.
• The final signed report will be sent to the provider that ordered your exam.

After the Exam:
• You may resume your regular diet unless you have been given other instructions.

**Your exam will be reviewed and read by a Radiologist within the next 24 hours. A report will go to your provider for him/her to review. Your provider is responsible for communicating the results to you and this will be done by letter, a phone call, or a follow up appointment. If you don’t have a follow up appointment scheduled and have not heard anything within a week, you have the right to call your provider’s department and inquire about results.**

If you are unable to keep your appointment or have questions about your exam, please call 507-642-5221.

Please check in at Hospital Front desk prior to going to the Radiology Department.