

## 3D Ultrasound Pregnancy Scan Information

Onsite Ultrasound is pleased to be able to offer 3D pregnancy scans.  
Here are some frequently asked questions.

### **What is 3D ultrasound?**

3D takes many conventional 2D images to create a 3D lifelike image of your baby.

### **What are the advantages?**

It is frequently used to look at the surface of the baby's face or other structures, which when surrounded by amniotic fluid are given a lifelike image, which is easier to understand for those not used to looking at the conventional diagnostic 2D images.

### **Are there any risks related to 3D imaging?**

No. 3D ultrasound uses sound waves to look at the baby, the same as ordinary 2D ultrasound.

### **When is the best time for perform a 3D scan?**

Between 26 to 32 weeks gestation is the ideal time for scanning as there is adequate amniotic fluid, and the baby has developed adequate soft tissue on the face. The optimum time is around 30 weeks.

### **Can we always get a good image of baby's face?**

Often a good image can be obtained of all, or part of the baby's face, but not always. As with conventional 2D imaging, the baby's position, the amount of amniotic fluid and the Mother's physique play a vital role in the final quality of the images. To obtain an ideal 3D image, the surface must only have fluid around it. If a limb is over the face, or the face is up against the wall of the womb, or looking completely away from the 3D probe, a good image may not be possible. It is good for parents to anticipate seeing their growing baby, but not to be too disappointed if the 3D images prove difficult, or the images of the face are impossible to get. If we cannot obtain a suitable image, then we will re-schedule the appointment for one more attempt at no extra charge. If suitable images are still not obtainable at the second appointment, no further scheduling will be made and the full fee paid is not refundable.

### **What is the cost of a 3D scan?**

3D scans are not funded by the government as with a usual medical 2D scan, so there is a fee of \$150 which is payable on the day of the scan. At the end of the scan you will be provided with a USB memory stick with the images, along with several hard copy thermal prints to view straight away.

### **Do I need a referral form for a 3D scan from my midwife?**

No. You can self-refer for a 3D scan. You will need to make an appointment at Onsite Ultrasound's Hastings branch where the equipment for 3D scans is located. Your midwife will be sent a short report informing them that you have had a 3D scan performed, unless you request otherwise.

To make an appointment, call us on

**0800 991 119**