



## Outpatient Ultrasound

### For Referring Veterinarians:

Outpatient ultrasound services are offered on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This service is intended for patients who need an abdominal or cardiac ultrasound to go along with the work up you have already performed, but do not need to see one of our internists at this time.

Before having your client call to schedule an exam, please fill out and fax the Outpatient Ultrasound Request Form to 901-624-9014. Also, please fax recent bloodwork and pertinent history. If radiographs are available, please email them to [jmiller@memphisveterinaryspecialists.com](mailto:jmiller@memphisveterinaryspecialists.com).

### Procedure Details:

For this service, your client will bring their pet to our hospital at their scheduled appointment time. One of our technicians will greet your client and bring their pet into our procedure room where the ultrasound will be performed while your client waits. If fine needle aspirates are done, the samples will be sent with the client and brought back to you for submission. A full written report will be faxed to you no later than one business day following the exam.

This service is not intended for patients that are unstable or who are likely to need care from our internal medicine, surgical, or emergency services. If the patient arrives and is considered to be unstable or requires diagnostics before the ultrasound can be performed, the owner will be updated and we will immediately contact you. If the patient needs immediate medical care, it will be seen by our emergency service and additional fees will be incurred.

### Things to discuss with your client prior to their arrival:

- We recommend the patient be fasted for 12 hours (water is okay), unless there is a medical condition that makes fasting unsafe.
- Please allow one hour for examination.
- Please make sure the owner is aware that their pet will be shaved for the exam.
- Clients will not be allowed in the room during the ultrasound examination, and the radiologist will not communicate with the client while they are here. The radiologist will fax you a written report, which you can share with your client. Clients will be encouraged to direct their follow up questions to you.
- Occasionally, pets will require sedation for an ultrasound exam. Please discuss this possibility with your client prior to arrival.
- Fine needle aspirates may be recommended during the examination. Please discuss this possibility with your client.
- Please encourage your client to read the client information handout.



## Outpatient Ultrasound Instructions

Your pet has been scheduled for an outpatient ultrasound at Memphis Veterinary Specialists. Our radiologist, Dr. Jennifer Miller, will perform the ultrasound. Following your pet's ultrasound, Dr. Miller will contact your primary care veterinarian and discuss the ultrasound findings, along with any further diagnostic and treatment recommendations for your pet.

### Here is what to expect at your visit:

- Prior to arrival, please make sure your pet is fasted for 12 hours. Small amounts of water are ok. If your pet has a medical condition where it is not safe to fast them, please feed your pet as you would normally and inform our staff that your pet has eaten upon arrival.
- Upon arriving at the hospital, you will be greeted by one of our technicians and your pet will be taken back to the ultrasound examination room. Our radiologist will then perform your pet's ultrasound.
- For purposes of safety and the confidentiality of our other patients, you will not be allowed to accompany your pet during the ultrasound. Our technicians are highly trained and can answer any of your questions prior to or following your pet's ultrasound. All other questions should be directed to your primary care veterinarian, as they have the best understanding of your pet's medical history and will be working with the radiologist to provide the best care for your pet.
- In some instances, pets may need mild sedation in order for the ultrasound exam to take place. This usually occurs in pets that are nervous or anxious. In these cases, sedation is recommended to minimize the stress on the patient and to help the radiologist obtain diagnostic quality images. If we feel sedation is needed for your pet, we will obtain your written authorization prior to proceeding.
- In order to obtain quality ultrasound images, a portion of your pet's fur will need to be shaved. This is required; however, we will try to shave as little fur as possible.
- Please allow up to one hour for your pet's ultrasound examination.
- If a fine needle aspirate (sample of tissue or fluid) is pursued (which will not be obtained without your consent) all samples will be sent with you to take back to your primary care veterinarian for submission.
- If we feel that your pet is too unstable to undergo an ultrasound examination, we will immediately contact your primary care veterinarian. If your pet needs immediate medical care upon arrival, we will provide this care with your consent and then contact your veterinarian.



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## Outpatient Ultrasound Referral Form

Please fill out and fax this form to (901) 624-9014 before calling to schedule an appointment.

Referring Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Veterinary Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number for Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Reproductive status: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical History:

(primary reason for imaging, physical exam findings, recent lab work [within 30 days] pertinent medical history, etc.)

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Does this patient have any medical reason to not sedate and/or perform fine needle aspirates if indicated?      \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no

Should a mass or lesion be found, and we are granted client consent, would you like us to obtain a FNA?  
\_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no

Does your patient have any drug allergies and if so please explain?

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I am referring this patient for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Abdominal ultrasound      w/ \_\_\_\_\_ FNA

\_\_\_\_\_ Echocardiography

\_\_\_\_\_ Thoracic ultrasound/other