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Prostate Ultrasound

An ultrasound is a type of imaging test. It's a safe test that does not use radiation. It uses high frequency sound waves to make images of the inside of your body. The images are seen on a computer screen.

Ultrasound can be used to look at the prostate gland. The prostate is part of the male reproductive system. This gland sits just under the bladder in front of the lower part of the intestine (rectum).

When Ultrasound used You may need a prostate ultrasound if your healthcare provider thinks you may have prostate cancer. An ultrasound is most often done after a digital rectal exam (DRE) or a PSA blood test. These are screening tests for prostate cancer.

How Ultrasound Helps Ultrasound uses sound waves to make an image of the prostate gland. It helps your healthcare provider see if the gland looks normal. It can also be used to help guide a biopsy. For a biopsy tiny pieces of tissue are taken out and tested for cancer. A prostate biopsy is done with a needle. Ultrasound helps your healthcare provider see where to put the needle. If you have prostate cancer, you may choose to treat it with radioactive seeds. Ultrasound can be used to help your healthcare provider see exactly where to put these seeds in the prostate.

