

WHAT IS: THIRD TRIMESTER SCAN



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A **Third Trimester Scan** involves an ultrasound to assess foetal growth, amount of amniotic fluid, placental location and overall foetal wellbeing.

This scan involves a Sonographer applying a gel to your lower abdomen and running a transducer over the abdominal area to obtain images of the baby.

Why have a Third Trimester Scan?

You will often be referred for this scan by your doctor in the third trimester due to a number of factors.

This may be because:

- have an inconsistent size when compared with your due date
- have experienced fluid loss
- have a low lying placenta seen at the 18-20 week scan
- have experienced premature contractions
- have previously given birth to a small or large baby
- have high blood pressure
- have diabetes or another medical condition
- are experiencing pain in your abdomen
- this is a multiple pregnancy

How accurate is a Third Trimester Scan?

No screening test is 100% accurate and this should be taken into consideration when undergoing this scan.

As the baby gets bigger estimates of size and weight become more inaccurate.

What are the costs of my Third Trimester Scan?

Medicare have strict criteria that states your General Practitioner can only refer you for one of these scans, a second scan referred by your GP in the third trimester will not be covered by Medicare and you will be asked to pay for this examination.

To be eligible for a rebate through Medicare, any further third trimester scans must be referred by a Gynecologist/Obstetrician.

Who does my Third Trimester Scan and report?

The Sonographer performing your scan is university qualified and registered with The Australian Sonography Association. One our Radiologists will review your scan results and provide a report to your doctor.

How do I prepare for my Third Trimester Scan and what should I bring along to the appointment?

At the time you make your appointment, our friendly reception staff will advise you of the preparation required.

- Previous scans from this pregnancy
- Medicare card
- Referral (This is a legal requirement).

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