Who Does The Test?
The test is done by a *pediatric technologist*. It is reviewed by a pediatric radiologist trained in reading tests of children.

Why Have A Spinal Ultrasound?
This test checks for spinal cord problems in children with skin discoloration, a dimple or hairy tuft (group of hair) above the anus.

Getting Your Child Ready For The Test
You can feed your child before the test so he will be less fussy. Bring a bottle of juice or formula. A pacifier or toy may help your child lay still during the test.

Before, During And After The Test
Please come 15 minutes before your child’s appointment. After checking in, go to the waiting area. Stay there until a technologist calls you.

During the test, your child will lie on his stomach. Warm, clear gel will be put on his back. The technologist will use an instrument called a transducer to look at the spine. Pictures will be seen on a screen. The test usually takes less than 30 minutes.

The technologist will tell you when the test is over and when you can leave.

Test Results
Your child’s doctor will tell you the test results.

Questions
For more information about radiology services at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health, call 317.948.6300, or visit us online at rileyhospital.org.

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What Is An Ultrasound?
An ultrasound (sound waves) is *a safe way* to take pictures of the inside of the body. It will not hurt your child. No radiation is used.

Ultrasounds are usually scheduled with a doctor’s appointment. Call your child’s doctor’s office to change, confirm or cancel the appointment. To change, confirm or cancel the ultrasound, call 317.962.3580. **Note**: Patients arriving on time will be taken before those who come late.