How long will the procedure take?

A CT Pelvimetry will usually take around 20 minutes to complete.

What are the potential risks?

CT scans utilize ionizing radiation (X-rays) to generate high quality images. High doses of this type of radiation can have a detrimental effect on living tissue.

A CT pelvimetry is a relatively low dose CT. The region of the body scanned is significantly less than a routine CT and the exposure settings are optimized to ensure a low exposure.

The exposure obtained by the foetus from a single CT pelvimetry is well below (less then 5%) of the maximum recommended dose for a fetus. The likelihood of an adverse effect is very rare. It is the responsibility of your doctor to determine the risk versus' the benefit of this procedure and present these to you, the mother. If you have any concerns regarding the radiation exposure to your baby please consult your doctor to discuss the validity of the scan.

Disclaimer:

The information contained in this brochure is intended as a guide only. If patients require more specific information please contact your referring

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Please bring your Medicare card and any Healthcare, Pension or Concession cards if applicable.

If you have any other related previous imaging from another provider, please bring them on the day.





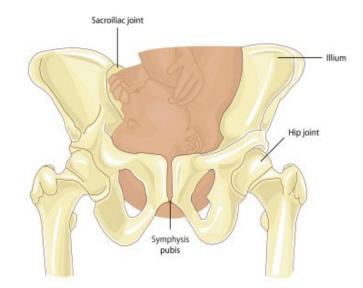








CT Pelvimetry





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What is a CT Pelvimetry?

A CT pelvimetry is a study which assesses the size of the bony pelvis to determine whether a normal vaginal delivery is a viable option.

Before the procedure

There is no specific preparation for a CT pelvimetry.

Wearing loose fitting clothing without metal will remove the need to change into a patient gown.

During the procedure

You will be asked to change into a gown if you are wearing unsuitable clothing.

You will be positioned on your back on the CT table.

You will be asked to lie still on the examination table while CT images are taken. You must hold very still and may be asked to keep from breathing for a few seconds.

The Radiographer will walk into another room to activate the CT machine.