

4D Real Time Ultrasound

What is 4D Real Time Ultrasound?

4D is shorthand for “four-dimensional” -- the fourth dimension being time. As far as ultrasound is concerned, 4D Ultrasound is the latest ultrasound technology. 4D Ultrasound takes three-dimensional ultrasound images and adds the element of time to the process. The result -- live-action images of your unborn child.

When during my pregnancy should I have a 4D Real Time Ultrasound exam?

This exciting technology is most beneficial when performed around 28-30 weeks (twins at 25-28 weeks).

How much does it cost?

Your cost will be \$150. All insurers consider 4D Ultrasound to be elective and not medically necessary. Therefore, insurance will not cover this procedure and payment in full (cash, check, or credit card) will be required at the time of the exam.

How long does an ultrasound exam last?

There are many factors that impact the length of a 4D ultrasound exam, including the position of the baby in the womb. You may have to wait for your infant to move into an optimal position, so you should allow approximately one hour for your examination.

Will I get pictures of my baby?

You will be provided a DVD of the ultrasound.

What kind of image quality can I expect?

This technology is capable of portraying very clear images of your infant; however, image quality may be inhibited by the position of the baby, the placenta and/or umbilical cord. A clear view of the baby’s face may be obstructed by the baby’s arm or hand. We understand these factors and will do our very best to provide you with the best images possible under the circumstances.

How do I make an appointment?

Simply call (479) 274-5000 (or 800-333-1305 and ask for the OB Department). Appointments are available on Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm.

Where do I go for my 4D ultrasound?

The office of Drs. Torres and Haraway: Cooper Clinic OB/Gyn Department, 7001 Rogers Avenue, Suite 400, Mercy Centers of Excellence.

