

The Jelly Belly Test



This test is done to show the size and shape of the organs inside your tummy. It is also called an ultrasound scan.



The jelly belly test uses sound waves which make pictures on the computer screen.

The picture shows the doctor what is going on inside your tummy.



This is Nia.

She is 8 years old and today she is going to have the jelly belly test following a kidney infection. She has asked her mum and brother John to come with her.



This is Helen and Rosemary

They are radiographers who work in ultrasound.

Today Helen will carry out the test on Nia.



This is Joanna and Clive.

They are the ultrasound doctors.

Their job is to read the
ultrasound pictures.



First the radiographer puts some clear jelly onto Nia's bare tummy. She uses a special camera called a probe to spread the jelly round.

It looks a bit like a big fat lollypop. It makes Nia giggle because it tickles.



Nia stays as still as a statue while the probe rubs across her tummy. It makes a fuzzy black and white picture come up on the computer screen.

More jelly is put on Nia sides to make different pictures come up on the screen.



When all the pictures are taken Helen leaves Nia on the bed to go and check the pictures.

The Ultrasound doctor comes in after a few minutes. She may take a few extra pictures.



Nia sits up and gets lots of tissue paper to wipe the jelly off her tummy.



Now the test was over, Nia got a lovely sticker and certificate for being a star patient!

Nia can now go home and have something to eat!



Nia really enjoyed having her jelly belly test done. Everyone was really friendly and the test was lots of fun.