

## Who should not receive Ultrasound Enhancement agents?

- Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Anyone having extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (for kidney stones) within the next 24 hours
- Anyone with holes between heart chambers (you are checked for this during the first part of your ultrasound test)
- Anyone allergic to Polyethylene Glycol (PEG)
- Anyone with previous reaction to vaccines

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## What is an Ultrasound Enhancement agent?

- This agent helps to show better ultrasound pictures.
- It is an injection of tiny gas filled bubbles. It is not iodine.
- The bubbles leave your body as you breathe and do not affect your kidneys or liver.

## How is it given?

- An intravenous (IV) catheter is placed in your arm or hand.
- The agent is given through this intravenous catheter.
- The intravenous is removed before you go home.

## Are there any side effects?

- 1 in 10,000 may have an allergic-like reaction, such as a rash around the intravenous (IV) site.
- Most common side effects reported are headache (2 to 3%), back pain (1 to 2%) and nausea (1%).
- Reactions disappear when you breathe out the gas from your body.

**You will be asked to stay for 30 minutes after your ultrasound for observation.**

**This information is not intended as a substitute for professional medical care. Ask your healthcare provider about this information if you have any questions or concerns.**

