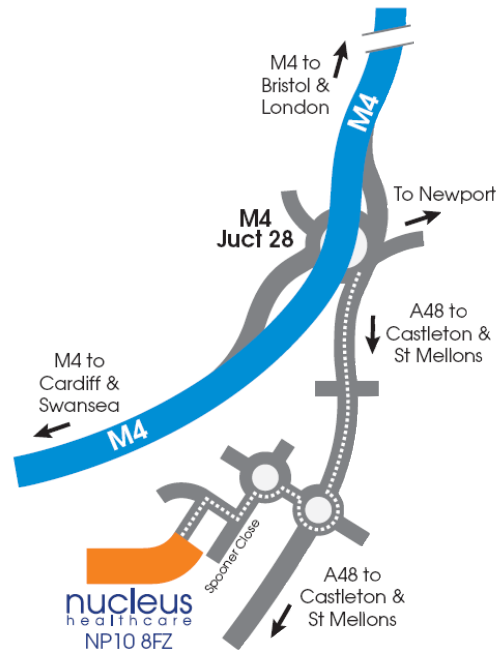


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## ENDOANAL ULTRASOUND

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**What is it?**

An endoanal ultrasound is an examination of the back passage (anus). This shows the muscles of the sphincter and may also be used to investigate anal fistula.

**What preparation is needed for the examination?**

None

**What exactly happens during the examination?**

You will be taken to the examination room, where the procedure will be explained to you.

The examination will be performed by a consultant radiologist. You will have to lie, either on your left side or on your front and then just the end of the ultrasound probe, which is the size of a large finger, will be inserted a couple of inches into the bottom.

Ultrasound is entirely harmless and does not have any radiation.

**Does the procedure hurt?**

Unless you have a painful anal condition, the insertion of the probe will cause only mild discomfort.

**How long will it take?**

The examination only takes about 10 minutes

**When will I get the results?**

You can discuss the findings with the radiologist immediately afterwards. The radiologist will also send films and report to your doctor.

**Aftercare?**

None