



Early Ultrasound in Pregnancy

Why is an early ultrasound recommended?

Having an early ultrasound (8-9 weeks but can be up to 11 weeks) allows for an accurate due date for the pregnancy. We make care plans and delivery plans based on the due date. Using the Last Menstrual period (LMP) to determine the due date can be inaccurate since women tend to ovulate at different times. With an early ultrasound, we can also confirm how many babies are growing.

What is an early ultrasound?

This is an ultrasound that is performed at 8 – 9 weeks (but up to 11 weeks) of the pregnancy. Typically, we can get the images by scanning your belly. Sometimes we need to obtain images by using a transvaginal ultrasound. This means we place a clean and covered ultrasound probe in the vagina to get the images.

When will I have this ultrasound?

An early ultrasound is generally between 8-11 weeks and will be scheduled as a separate appointment that happens after your RN Intake visit.

Is the ultrasound covered by my insurance?

At Alliance, we recommend all pregnant women have an early ultrasound. Although we feel this is best patient care, your insurance carrier may not cover the cost of the ultrasound. It is important to understand what your insurance covers, so we recommend you call your insurance carrier for these answers regarding how your benefits may apply to this ultrasound and potential out of pocket costs. During your pregnancy, we recommend the following **screening ultrasounds**. Depending on your risk factors, we may also recommend other **diagnostic ultrasounds** during your pregnancy.

Type of Screening Ultrasound	Timeframe of Pregnancy	Approximate Cost without Insurance	Diagnosis Code	Test Code
Early Ultrasound	8-9 weeks	\$240	Z36.89	76801
Nuchal Translucency	12-13 weeks	\$230	Z36.82	76813
Anatomy Scan	19-20 weeks	\$265	Z36.3	76805