All About Ultrasound Gel

1. **Viscosity**
   - Does gel contain dye? Dyes can sometimes cause skin irritation and staining.

2. **Bubbles**
   - Can you see many bubbles in the gel? Air bubbles can block sound waves, negatively affecting image quality.¹

3. **Quality**
   - Is the gel from a reputable manufacturer? Is gel consistent from package to package?

4. **Smell**
   - Does gel have an odor? Is there an added fragrance? Perfumes may offend some or lead to skin sensitization.

5. **Color**
   - Is the gel too runny? Does it spread well? Do you have a choice of viscosity?

6. **Performance**
   - Are you getting clear images? Is the gel easy to use and apply?

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Did You Know?

- Ultrasound has been called the “Stethoscope of the Future.”³
- Ultrasound gel helps make secure contact between the transducer and the patient’s skin to prevent air pockets, improving image clarity.
- The first gel in a single patient packet was introduced in 2004.

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