

Guide for Ordering Ultrasound Exams



Body Part	Reason for Exam	Coverage	Prep?	Comments	Procedure Name/Epic IMG Code	CPT
ABDOMEN	Abdominal, flank, back, RUQ pain Abdomen trauma, nausea, vomiting, Abnormal LFTs, jaundice, possible abdominal mass or organomegaly, metastatic disease, suspect congenital abnormalities	Liver, biliary system, GB kidneys, pancreas, spleen aorta, IVC	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	US ABDOMEN COMPLETE IMG 524	76700
	Single organ, follow up r/o hernia, superficial palpable lump pyloric stenosis	Single organ of interest, single quadrant of interest, follow up to prior exam	YES NPO 8 hours	Indicate which organ or quadrant, or location of superficial palpable lump. No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	US ABDOMEN LIMITED IMG 2416	76705
	Pulsatile Abdominal mass, F/U known AAA, r/o AAA on a non Medicare patient. Family Hx of AAA, known Popliteal Artery	Aorta	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	VAS AORTA IMG 2164	76770
	One time Medicare aorta screening	Aorta	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	AAA MEDICARE SCREENING IMG 775	G0389
	Leg pain (at rest or claudication) Follow up. Hx grafts, suspect stenosis	Aorta, IVC, iliac vessels, by pass grafts	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	VAS AORTA ILIAC DUPLEX IMG 2163	93978
	Abn. Creatinin, flank pain, hematuria, suspicion of kidney stones/pyelonephritis, hydronephrosis, bladder mass	Kidneys, bladder, ureters	YES 24 oz. of water Finish 1/2 hour prior to appt.	Finish drinking water 1/2 hour prior to appt. time. Do not empty bladder.	US RENAL IMG 1080	76770
	Chronic Kidney disease (CKD), Abnormal BUN	renal arteries, renal vein kidneys	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	VAS RENAL ARTERY DUPLEX IMG 1218	93975
	HTN, Abdominal bruit	transplant kidney, artery, vein and native kidneys	NO		US RENAL TRANSPLANT IMG 2217	76776
	Evaluate for rejection, abnormal labs	Portal veins, hepatic veins, hepatic artery	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	VAS ABDOMEN DUPLEX IMG 129	93975
	Portal HTN, abdominal varices, cirrhosis	Portal veins, hepatic veins, hepatic artery	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	VAS PORTO HEPATIC DUPLEX IMG 2209	93975
	Portal HTN, abdominal varices, cirrhosis	Celiac, hepatic, splenic, mesenteric arteries	YES NPO 8 hours	Patient drinks Ensure during exam.	VAS MESENTERIC ARTERIAL DUPLEX IMG 2190	93975
	Abdomen pain post prandial (after eating), Abdominal bruit	shunt, IVC, Portal vein	YES NPO 8 hours	No smoking or gum chewing prior to exam.	VAS TIPS IMG2222	93975
	Evaluate for stenosis of shunt	uterus, ovaries, adnexal spaces	YES 32 oz. of water Finish 1 hour prior to appt.	Complete transabdominal and transvaginal performed. Finish drinking water 1 hour prior to appt.; Do not empty bladder.	US PELVIS WITH TRANSVAGINAL IMG 2207	76856 76830
	Pelvic pain, abnormal bleeding, follow up mass seen on prior imaging, evaluation of ovarian cysts/mass, uterine fibroids, adnexal mass, endometrial abnormality, infertility IUD check, suspect ectopic pregnancy	Uterus, ovaries, adnexal spaces	YES 32 oz. of water Finish 1 hour prior to appt.	Transabdominal only. For men or pediatric patients or who decline the transvaginal. Limited evaluation of endometrium. Finish drinking water 1 hour prior to appt. Do not empty bladder.	US PELVIS TRANSABDOMINAL ONLY IMG 2206	76856
	Pelvic pain, follow up mass seen on prior imaging, evaluation of ovarian cysts, or adnexal mass. Pre and post void bladder	Uterus, ovaries, adnexal spaces	NO	Limited evaluation of the female pelvis. Intended for emergency use.	US NON OB TRANSVAGINAL IMG 547	76830
Abnormal bleeding	Endometrium	NO	Pelvis w Transvaginal sono required within 3 mos. prior. Exam performed between day 7-10 of menses.	US HYSTEROSONOGRAM IMG 2187	76831 58340	
Abnormal bleeding, infertility, abnormal prior imaging of endometrium Hx of miscarriages, congenital abnormalities	Scrotum, testicles, epididymi	NO		US SCROTUM AND TESTICLES IMG 551	76870	
Palpable mass, pain, swelling, redness, symptoms of torsion, abscess, undescended testes, infertility						
SCROTUM/TESTICLES						





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EXTREMITY	Lump, subcutaneous cyst, abscess, Baker's cyst, suspicion of foreign body	Targeted check of specific palpable lump of any extremity	NO	Must indicate specific body part and diagnosis in comments to trigger correct protocol.	US EXTREMITY NON VASCULAR LIMITED RIGHT IMG 2462 US EXTREMITY NON VASCULAR LIMITED LEFT IMG 2461	76882 76882
	Suspicion of DVT, redness, pain, swelling, positive Homan's sign, positive D-dimer, extremity circumference discrepancy follow up to a known DVT known PE (pulmonary embolism)	Deep and superficial veins.	NO		VAS LOWER EXTREMITY VEINUS BILATERAL IMG 1212 VAS LOWER EXTREMITY VEINUS RIGHT IMG 1215 VAS LOWER EXTREMITY VEINUS LEFT IMG 1213 ----- VAS UPPER EXTREMITY VEINUS BILATERAL IMG 2230 VAS UPPER EXTREMITY VEINUS RIGHT IMG 2235 VAS UPPER EXTREMITY VEINUS LEFT IMG 2231	93970 93971 93971 93971 93970 93971 93971
	measure the upper extremity veins for dialysis fistula placement	subclavian, axillary, cephalic, brachial and basilic veins	NO		VAS UPPER EXTREMITY VEIN MAPPING BILAT IMG 2227 VAS UPPER EXTREMITY VEIN MAPPING RIGHT IMG 2229 VAS UPPER EXTREMITY VEIN MAPPING LEFT IMG 2228	93970 93971 93971
	Diminished or absent pulse in lower extremity, non healing ulcers, arterial disease	Resting arterial perfusion of the lower extremities.	NO	ABI is performed at rest and not exercised. Also called: Non-invasive arterial testing	VAS ANKLE BRACHIAL INDEX RESTING IMG 2160	93922
	Diminished or absent pulse in lower extremity, non healing ulcers, arterial disease		NO	This exam is performed only if resting ABI is abnormal. Also called: Non-invasive arterial testing	VAS SEGMENTAL PRESSURES LEGS IMG 2217	93923
	Diminished or absent pulse, arm pain Suspect arterial disease		NO	Also called: Non-invasive arterial testing	VAS SEGMENTAL PRESSURES ARMS IMG 2216	93923
	White fingers or toes in cold weather.	Fingers or toes.	NO	Digits are immersed in ice cold water for several minutes	VAS REYNAUDS SYNDROME IMG 2215	93923
	Numbness, tingling, or pain in upper extremity	Subclavian artery	NO		VAS THORACIC OUTLET IMG 2220	93923
	check patency of graft/fistula, thrill, swelling	Graft/Fistula	NO	Evaluate graft/fistula used for dialysis	US HEMODIALYSIS GRAFT/FIST DUPLEX IMG 2186	93990
	Pain, diabetes, diminished or absent pulse Suspect arterial disease	Subclavian, axillary, and brachial arteries	NO		VAS UPPER EXTREMITY ARTERIES BILATERAL IMG 1209 VAS UPPER EXTREMITY ARTERIES RIGHT IMG 1210 VAS UPPER EXTREMITY ARTERIES LEFT IMG 1661	93930 93931 93931
	Rest pain, claudication, non-healing ulcers, diabetes, suspect arterial disease	External, common femoral, superficial femoral, popliteal art.	NO		VAS LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES BILATERAL IMG 1206 VAS LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES RIGHT IMG 1208 VAS LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES LEFT IMG 1657	93925 93926 93926



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NECK	Palpable mass, swelling of the neck, goiter, abnormal labs, abnormality seen on other imaging study. Follow up	Thyroid and surrounding soft tissue.	NO		US THYROID IMG 1070	76536
	Palpable mass, swelling of the neck Follow up, abnormal labs, abnormality seen of other imaging study Evaluate for stenosis, Bruit, Hx of stroke CAD, HTN, smoker, pulsatile neck mass, trauma, dizziness, amaurosis fugax, follow up, TIA	Parotid gland, palpable mass. Carotid, subclavian and vertebral arteries.	NO		US HEAD NECK SOFT TISSUE IMG 520	76536
OB	Evaluation of first trimester pregnancy, Dating, bleeding	Uterus, fetus, gestational sac, ovaries, adnexal spaces	YES	Finish drinking water 1 hour prior to appt.; Do not empty bladder.	US OB < 14 WEEKS W/TRANSVAGINAL IMG 2195	76817 76801
	Evaluation of second trimester pregnancy, dates, fetal anatomy survey, size, placenta, fluid, and cervix. Routine Survey.	Uterus, cervix, fetus, adnexal spaces.	YES	Complete OB scan for anatomy, size, and dates. Routine survey is performed at 20 weeks. Finish drinking water 1 hour prior to appt. Do not empty bladder.	US OB > 14 WEEKS SINGLE OF FIRST GESTATION IMG 532	76805
	1 or 2 specific concerns such as: Fetal size/age or AFI or Targeted anatomy or bleeding or IUGR or SROM	Very specific area of concern.	Yes	Finish drinking 1 hour prior to appt. Enter specific indications in comments section. Only 1 or 2 specific concerns. Do not empty bladder.	US OB LIMITED IMG 536	76815
	1 or 2 specific concerns for a patient who had a survey. Typically performed following a survey to evaluate anatomy not previous seen due to fetal position or early gestational age.	Limited to the portions of a complete survey that could not be seen previously.	NO	Enter specific indications in comments section. Prior images and reports must be present at time of scan. If not available entire survey may be repeated.	US OB TRANSABDOMINAL FOLLOW UP IMG 537	76816
	Checks fetal well being.	Fetal tone, fetal movement, amniotic fluid and fetal breathing	NO		US FETAL BIOPHYS PROF W/ NONSTRESS TEST IMG 540	76819
	Evaluation of first trimester pregnancy, dating, bleeding	Uterus, fetus, gestational sac, ovaries, adnexal spaces	NO		US OB TRANSVAGINAL IMG 538	76817
	Evaluate for hip dysplasia (DDH), breech, hip clicks; foot abnormality, Monitoring of treatment, Family Hx DDH	Infant hips	NO		US INFANT HIPS W/ MANIPULATION IMG 553	76885
	Dimple, uneven buttocks, palpable lump, R/O tethered cord	Infant spine	NO		US SPINAL CANAL INFANT IMG 1085	76800
	Increased head circumference, follow up to previous imaging ventricular dilation, congenital abnormalities, determine presence or absence of hemorrhage	Infant brain	NO		US NEONATAL CRANIAL IMG 2417	76506
	screening for arterial disease	aorta, carotids, and ABI	NO		US VASCULAR SCREENING IMG 2226	Self Pay
CHEST	Palpable lump on chest or upper back pleural effusion	area of concern	NO	Indicate specific location of lump. Not Breast	US CHEST IMG 2175	76604
	Palpable lump, abnormal prior imaging	Lymph nodes & axilla area	NO		US AXILLA BILATERAL IMG 2316 US AXILLA RIGHT IMG 2280 US AXILLA LEFT IMG 2281	76882 76882 76882
BREAST/AXILLA	Palpable lump, abnormal prior imaging, focal pain, ? Abscess	Targeted area of concern in the breast. If patient is 30 years or older, order mammogram also.	NO	US performed first if lactating, pregnant or 29 yrs or younger. Mamm if needed. Indicate specific location of lump or area of concern. If lactating, express milk just prior to exam.	US BREAST BILATERAL IMG 1073 US BREAST RIGHT IMG 523 US BREAST LEFT IMG 522	76645 76645 76645

