

Ultrasound ordering guide

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Structures Imaged	Reason for exam	Procedure	Prep	CPT	Notes
Kidney & bladder	Hydro, hematuria, flank pain, nephrocalcinosis	US renal retroperitoneal	Drink 28-32oz of water within 15 mins and hold bladder. <i>(prep varies with age)</i>	76770	
Kidney only	AKI, CKD, renal lesion	US retroperitoneal limited	None	76775	
Bladder only	Urinary retention, post void volume	US pelvis limited	Drink 28-32oz of water within 15 mins and hold bladder. <i>(prep varies with age)</i>	76857	
Panc, liver, GB, CBD, right kidney	RUQ pain, cirrhosis, cholelithiasis, abnormal labs, hepatomegaly, hep C, pancreatitis, R/O hepatoma	US abdomen RUQ/liver/GB	NPO 8 hours prior to exam. <i>(S/P cholecystectomy 5 hours)</i>	76705	
Abdomen Limited <i>(see comments)</i>	R/O hepatoma, ascites check, RUQ + ascites check, spleen only, hernia	US abdomen limited	<i>Depends on what needs evaluated</i>	76705	<i>Allows imaging of multiple organs within the same abdominal quadrant</i>
Liver doppler	MPV HTN, thrombus, TIPS, cirrhosis	US abdomen liver doppler	NPO 8 hours prior to exam. <i>(S/P cholecystectomy 5 hours)</i>	93975	<i>If the patient has not had a US RUQ/Liver/GB within 6 months, it will need to be evaluated along with the liver doppler - (US Abdomen RUQ/Liver/Gb with limited doppler)</i>
Liver, panc, GB, CBD, bilat kidneys, spleen, abdominal aorta, IVC	Abdominal pain, cirrhosis, abnormal labs, primary or metastatic tumor involvement or an associated risk factor of the above structures	US Abdomen Complete	NPO 8 hours prior to exam. <i>(S/P Cholecystectomy 5 hours)</i>	76700	<i>Allows imaging of multiple organs within two or more abdominal quadrants</i>
Any body part palpable mass- non vascular concern	Palpable mass that does not include joint space or suspected tendon tear	US soft tissue	None	76536	
Thyroid	Suspected thyroid storm	US thyroid	None	76536	<i>All other reasons should be done as outpatient</i>
Testicles, epididymis, inguinal canal	Testicle location, palpable masses, intrascrotal and testicular swelling-erythema	US scrotum and testicles with doppler	None	76870	