

# Guidelines for Ordering Ultrasounds

Ultrasound Exam	Body Parts Included	Common Indications	Exam Preparations
<b>Thyroid or Soft Tissue Neck</b> CPT: 76536	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thyroid gland</li> <li>• Cervical lymph nodes</li> <li>• Focused ultrasound to the area of concern</li> </ul>	Goiter Hypothyroidism Hyperthyroidism Thyroid nodule(s) Follow-up thyroid nodule(s) Cervical lymphadenopathy	NO PREP
<b>Carotid</b> CPT: 93880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral carotid artery</li> <li>• Duplex / Doppler</li> </ul>	TIA Stroke HTN Atherosclerotic disease	NO PREP
<b>Abdomen Complete</b> CPT: 76700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancreas</li> <li>• Liver</li> <li>• Gallbladder</li> <li>• Bile duct</li> <li>• Right kidney</li> <li>• Left kidney</li> <li>• Spleen</li> <li>• Aorta (Limited)</li> <li>• IVC (Limited)</li> </ul>	Abdominal pain, unspecified Epigastric pain Flank pain Nonspecific abdominal symptoms	Fast for 6 hours
<b>RUQ Ultrasound</b> (Abdomen, Limited) CPT: 76705	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancreas</li> <li>• Liver</li> <li>• Gallbladder</li> <li>• Bile duct</li> <li>• Right kidney</li> <li>• Aorta (Limited)</li> <li>• IVC (Limited)</li> </ul>	RUQ pain Epigastric pain Abnormal LFTs Jaundice Liver abnormality seen on other imaging HCC screening	Fast for 6 hours
<b>Liver Ultrasound</b> (Abdomen, Limited with Complete Doppler) CPT: 76705 93975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancreas</li> <li>• Liver</li> <li>• Gallbladder</li> <li>• Bile duct</li> <li>• Right kidney</li> <li>• Aorta (Limited)</li> <li>• IVC (Limited)</li> <li>• Complete Doppler of the hepatic vasculature (hepatic veins, hepatic artery, portal vein)</li> </ul>	Hepatic cirrhosis Chronic viral hepatitis Portal hypertension Hemochromatosis	Fast for 6 hours
<b>Liver Elastography</b> (With Right Upper Quadrant Ultrasound and Complete Doppler) CPT: 76705 93975 76981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancreas</li> <li>• Liver</li> <li>• Gallbladder</li> <li>• Bile duct</li> <li>• Spleen</li> <li>• Aorta (Limited)</li> <li>• IVC (Limited)</li> <li>• Complete Doppler of the hepatic vasculature (hepatic veins, hepatic artery, portal vein)</li> </ul>	Hepatic cirrhosis Chronic viral hepatitis Steatohepatitis Fatty liver disease Liver staging *US of choice to evaluate hepatic fibrosis	Fast for 6 hours
<b>Ultrasound Aorta Diagnostic</b> (Retroperitoneum, Limited) CPT: 76775	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aorta</li> </ul>	Pulsatile abdominal mass AAA follow-up	Fast for 6 hours
<b>Ultrasound Aorta Screening</b> (Retroperitoneum, Limited) CPT: 76706	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aorta</li> </ul>	AAA screening Family history	Fast for 6 hours
<b>Kidneys Ultrasound</b> (Retroperitoneum, Limited) CPT: 76775	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right kidney</li> <li>• Left kidney</li> </ul> <p><i>Not included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urinary bladder</li> </ul>	Flank pain Hematuria Kidney stones Renal cysts Renal abnormality seen on other imaging Renal disease (CKD) UTI	NO PREP
<b>Kidney Ultrasound and Renal Arteries WITH Complete Doppler</b> CPT: 76775 93975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right kidney</li> <li>• Left kidney</li> <li>• Complete Doppler of the renal arteries, renal veins and intrarenal vessels</li> </ul>	Primary hypertension	Fast for 6 hours

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<b>Kidneys Ultrasound and Bladder</b> CPT: 76770	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right kidney</li> <li>• Left kidney</li> <li>• Urinary bladder</li> <li>• Post void residual</li> </ul>	Hematuria UTI Post void residual Incontinence	The patient must finish drinking 3 (8 OZ) glasses of any liquid 1 hour prior to appointment and not empty bladder. The patient may eat.
<b>Bladder Ultrasound</b> CPT: 76857	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urinary bladder</li> <li>• Post void residual</li> </ul>	Post void residual Incontinence	The patient must finish drinking 3 (8 OZ) glasses of any liquid 1 hour prior to appointment and not empty bladder. The patient may eat.
<b>Pelvic Ultrasound Transvaginal AND Transpelvic WITHOUT Doppler (&lt;18 Years Old Transpelvic Only)</b> CPT: 76856 76830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral ovaries</li> <li>• Bilateral adnexa</li> <li>• Uterus</li> </ul>	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding Post menopausal bleeding Uterine fibroids Ovarian adnexal cysts, mass Ovarian / adnexal abnormality seen on other imaging Pelvic mass Polycystic ovary disease Ovarian follicles monitoring	The patient must finish drinking 3 (8 OZ) glasses of any liquid 1 hour prior to appointment and not empty bladder. The patient may eat.
<b>Pelvic Ultrasound Transvaginal AND Transpelvic WITH Doppler</b> CPT: 76856 76830 93975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral ovaries</li> <li>• Bilateral adnexa</li> <li>• Uterus</li> </ul>	Suspected ovarian torsion	The patient must finish drinking 3 (8 OZ) glasses of any liquid 1 hour prior to appointment and not empty bladder. The patient may eat.
<b>OB &lt; 14 Weeks (Includes Transvaginal AND Transpelvic)</b> CPT: 76815 76817	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral ovaries</li> <li>• Bilateral adnexa</li> <li>• Uterus</li> </ul>	Viability Dating	The patient must finish drinking 3 (8 OZ) glasses of any liquid 1 hour prior to appointment and not empty bladder. The patient may eat.
<b>Scrotal Ultrasound WITHOUT Doppler</b> CPT: 76870	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral testicles</li> <li>• Bilateral epididymitis</li> </ul>	Scrotal lump / mass / swelling Hydrocele Varicocele Undescended testicle	NO PREP
<b>Scrotal Ultrasound WITH Complete Doppler</b> CPT: 76870 93975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral testicles</li> <li>• Bilateral epididymitis</li> <li>• Testicular vasculature</li> </ul>	Suspected torsion Scrotal pain Scrotal trauma	NO PREP
<b>Venous Upper / Lower Extremity</b> Unilateral CPT: 93971 Bilateral CPT: 93970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venous Duplex / Doppler</li> </ul>	DVT Limb pain / swelling	NO PREP
<b>Hernia / Palpable Abnormality</b>			
<b>Abdominal Hernia (Abdomen Limited)</b> CPT: 76705	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused ultrasound to the area of concern</li> </ul>	Umbilical Hernia	NO PREP
<b>Inguinal Hernia (Extremity, Nonvascular)</b> CPT: 76882	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused ultrasound to the area of concern</li> </ul>	Inguinal Hernia	NO PREP
<b>Chest / Upper Back</b> CPT: 76604	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused ultrasound to the area of concern</li> </ul>	Lump	NO PREP
<b>Lower Abdomen / Lower Back</b> CPT: 76705	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused ultrasound to the area of concern</li> </ul>	Lump	NO PREP
<b>Upper / Lower Extremity Nonvascular</b> CPT: 76882	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused ultrasound to the area of concern</li> </ul>	Palpable lump (groin extremity) Groin lymphadenopathy Baker's cyst Foreign body Ganglion cyst	NO PREP
<b>MSK / Musculoskeletal</b>			
<b>Hand / Wrist</b> CPT: 76881		Suspected radial / ulnar nerve injury Suspected tendon injury	NO PREP
<b>Elbow</b> CPT: 76881		Biceps rupture Bursitis Suspected ulnar nerve abnormality	NO PREP
<b>Shoulder</b> CPT: 76881		Rotator cuff tear Biceps rupture Bursitis Muscle strain	NO PREP
<b>Foot</b> CPT: 76881		Morton's neuroma Plantar fasciitis Muscle strain	NO PREP
<b>Ankle</b> CPT: 76881		Suspected achilles injury Suspected medial / lateral ankle tendon injury	NO PREP
<b>Knee</b> CPT: 76881		Suspected patellar tendon injury Suspected quadriceps injury	NO PREP

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