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Designed to accompany Diagnostic Medical Sonography: A Guide to Clinical Practice Abdomen and Superficial Structures, Third edition, this Workbook offers a full complement of self-study aids that actively engage students in learning and enable them to assess and build their knowledge as they advance through the text. Most importantly, it allows students to get the most out of their study time, with a variety of custom designed exercises to help them master each objective. Activities like Matching, Image Labeling, Multiple Choice, and Fill-in-the-Blank help students reinforce the learning Short Answer questions require students to test their understanding of chapter materials Image Evaluation/Pathology activities and Case Studies connect learning to the real-world setting by helping students apply the knowledge from each chapter

"Complete preparation for the three general ARDMS exams (physics, abdomen, and ob/gyn)."--

This best-selling volume in The Requisites Series provides a comprehensive introduction to timely ultrasound concepts, ensuring quick access to all the essential tools for the effective practice of ultrasonography. Comprehensive yet concise, Ultrasound covers everything from

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basic principles to advanced state-of-the-art techniques. This title perfectly fulfills the career-long learning, maintenance of competence, reference, and review needs of residents, fellows, and practicing physicians.

Since the pioneering work of Donald and his first Lancet paper in 1958, the use of ultrasound in obstetrics and gynaecology has evolved rapidly. The introduction of grey scale techniques enhanced our ability to identify different tissues on the basis of their texture. However, it was the introduction of the linear array real-time scanner in the mid seventies that changed ultrasound from being an "eccentric art form" to a readily available and usable technique. This led to the first reports of the diagnosis of neural tube defects using ultrasound by Campbell, as well as the establishment of fetal biometry. In the midst of this activity the parallel development of the transvaginal probe by Kratochwill went almost unnoticed by most gynaecologists. Yet the application of this technique has since had a major impact on many areas of gynaecological practice, and on infertility in particular. Since the demonstration of transvaginal follicle aspiration, the vaginal route has become standard for most invasive ultrasound guided gynaecological procedures. The relatively new technical advance of transvaginal colour Doppler may potentially have just as great an impact. The introduction and use of transvaginal colour flow imaging has facilitated the study of vascular changes within the pelvis.

Focusing primarily on gynecologic ultrasound, this second edition has expanded up-to-date content covering the technological and clinical changes in this rapidly evolving field, including Sonohysterography.

As the use of three-dimensional ultrasound in clinical practice increases, the need for a reference covering this and other emerging technologies also increases. The book presents

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three-dimensional ultrasound images in full colour accompanied by extensive captions and expert textual commentary. It provides authoritative coverage of the latest developments in three-dimensional ultrasound for use in obstetrics and gynecology and highlights cutting-edge technologies such as four-dimensional ultrasound.

This practical guide covers all aspects of gynaecological ultrasound, focusing on good technique, the ultrasound machine and reporting. Written by experts with a strong reputation for training in the field, this book takes a 'tips and tricks' approach. Chapters cover topics such as equipment familiarization, principles of transvaginal ultrasound, the awkward uterus, the difficult ovary, and ART-related procedures. The authors discuss the use of both basic ultrasound and 3D machines, and provide tips on how to optimize the image and gain useful clinical information even in the most challenging of assessments. With a multitude of images included to train the eye to identify normal anatomy and common pathologies, chapter summary boxes and case-based examples also provide an easy reference for assessing conditions and lesions. This book will greatly improve the scanning technique of trainees in obstetrics and gynaecology, sonographers, reproductive medicine practitioners, and gynaecologists of any level.

Offers guidance on the use of ultrasonography in a clinical setting, covering benign and malignant gynecological disease and infertility.

Now in its second edition, Atlas of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology is ideal as a visually-oriented reference and comprehensive tutorial for expanding your knowledge of ultrasound. Developed from one of the best and broadest

sonographic collections in the field, this powerful atlas provides images and authoritative commentary covering all aspects of obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound. The text is integrated with over 200 video clips available online to enhance diagnostic skills and learn about ultrasound-guided procedures. Whether you're a radiologist, obstetrician, gynecologist or sonographer this exciting visual resource is a valuable tool for achieving diagnostic accuracy for your patients.

Updated and expanded to twice its original size, this handy atlas is a complete ready-reference guide to obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound and sonographic evaluation of the fetus. The Second Edition features over 700 ultrasound scans--more than twice as many as the previous edition--and new chapters on scanning techniques; infertility; amniocentesis and chorionic villus sampling; and the maternal abdomen and pelvis in pregnancy. The book includes fetal measurements, along with abbreviated tables, graphs, and computer programs designed for programmable pocket computers. Compatibility: BlackBerry(r) OS 4.1 or Higher / iPhone/iPod Touch 2.0 or Higher /Palm OS 3.5 or higher / Palm Pre Classic / Symbian S60, 3rd edition (Nokia) / Windows Mobile Pocket PC (all versions) / Windows Mobile Smartphone / Windows 98SE/2000/ME/XP/Vista/Tablet PC "

Examination Review for Ultrasound: Abdomen and Obstetrics & Gynecology By Steven M. Penny

Doody Rating: 3 stars: Over the last decade impressive improvements in computer and ultrasound technology have promoted a wide use of ultrasound in clinical practice. With the advent of color and power Doppler ultrasound, and more recently three- (3D) and four-dimensional (4D) ultrasound, research expansion in the field of human reproduction, obstetrics and gynecologic oncology has occurred. Ultrasound has simplified guided techniques such as oocyte collection and breast biopsy, but has also become an important technique in the assessment of the follicular growth and endometrial development, as well as in evaluation of the uterine and ovarian perfusion. Significant studies have been made in the gynecological application of Doppler sonography and screening for ovarian and uterine malignancy. In obstetrics, Doppler sonography has allowed unprecedented insight in the pathophysiology of human fetal development. In a relatively short period of time, 3D and 4D ultrasound has proved to be a useful clinical tool in almost all sections of gynecology and obstetrics. In this book the authors explain the significance of each of the discussed subjects in an effective way, by integrating important and updated information and illustrative examples. The contributors of this edition have made

significant improvements, included updated information and a few unique illustrations. Each chapter has been reviewed and revised to focus on the clinicians needs in ultrasound practice. The educational impact of the book is further enhanced by adding a manual for sonographers and physicians entitled Clinical Sonographic Pearls that was created for better organization of important clinical presentation-based information."

This innovative guide will help gynecologists or gynecologic surgeons to monitor the staging and progress of oncology treatment. An international expert here shows what office ultrasound can be used to achieve, how it correlates with other clinical findings, and how it can be integrated as necessary with other modalities and with the latest technological advances and developments in the field.

To perform gynaecological ultrasound (US) examinations a general practitioner must receive training under specialist guidance, acquire sufficient experience and have proper equipment at his/her disposal.

This book provides a detailed guide to the use and interpretation of color Doppler ultrasound, CT, and MR imaging in patients with gynecological disorders. The advantages and limitations of each modality in imaging different pathologies are clearly presented, and advice is provided on the most appropriate option when ultrasound does not permit a definite diagnosis or fails to determine the precise

extension of a lesion. Throughout, emphasis is placed on the importance of microscopic and macroscopic findings for a full understanding of the radiological appearances, and relevant points from the basic sciences are also highlighted. Special attention is paid to issues of differential diagnosis and imaging results that are characteristic of a particular type of lesion. The authors are recognized experts in the field who draw upon their considerable experience to provide an up-to-date reference book highly relevant to everyday clinical practice.

Gynecology provides many opportunities to utilize ultrasound in clinical practice. Pelvic pain, uterine bleeding, and adnexal masses are reviewed in this issue.

Additionally the use of saline-infused sonohysterography, 3D ultrasound, and the pitfalls of transvaginal imaging are covered. Lastly the application of ultrasound in the follow-up care for gynecologic cancer is reviewed.

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This atlas and guide book is focused on gynecological ultrasound, an area that has remained in the shadow of obstetric ultrasound & fetal medicine. Gynecological

ultrasound has seen rapid advances owing to expanding research and improved ultrasound equipment. This book leverages these advances and provides abundant illustrations and practice points of classical and new ultrasound features. It serves as a guide for radiologists, gynecologists and sonologists for the accurate diagnosis of gynecological pathologies. The chapters of this book also serve as a comprehensive resource for various topics with hundreds of images and figures, including basic gray scale images, Doppler studies and three dimensional ultrasound illustrations. In addition, standard terms for the evaluation and reporting of gynecological pathologies are discussed. Emergencies like ovarian torsion, complex adnexal cyst are also covered.

Completely revised and updated, the second edition of this invaluable text examines the most current trends and technologies in the field of obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound. In addition to a complete overview of the discipline, coverage includes the latest information available on the most essential topics, including infertility, amniocentesis, artifacts, chorionic villus sampling, and normal and abnormal anatomy. Written by leading sonographers for sonographers, readers are assured of accurate, current, and proven information. More than 800 images illustrate both normal and abnormal features, offering a strong source of reference for clinical practice. Images are accompanied by summary tables, schematics, and diagrams, making comprehension and application of the material much easier. More than 20 new color illustrations

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complement the updated content; and a new chapter on endovaginal ultrasound keeps readers informed on the latest advances.

Based on a popular course taught at the Radiological Society of North America's Annual Meeting, this book provides all the essential information for choosing the appropriate imaging examination and completing the imaging workup of a patient. Chapters are organized into parts according to the anatomical location of the clinical problems addressed. The authors guide the reader through the diagnostic evaluation, reviewing the indications for and the strengths and limitations of ultrasound imaging. Features: Practical information on the usefulness of ultrasound, nonimaging tests, or other imaging modalities, such as CT and MR, for evaluating each clinical situation Clear descriptions of symptoms and differential diagnosis Nearly 1,300 images and photographs demonstrating key points A new chapter on neonatal spinal cord anomalies Comprehensive and up-to-date, this edition is essential for ultrasonographers, radiologists, residents, physicians, nurses, and radiology assistants seeking the latest recommendations for the effective use of ultrasonography.

This established text covers the full range of obstetric ultrasound examinations that a sonographer would be expected to perform in a general hospital or secondary referral setting, and is the only text that combines the practicalities of learning how to perform these examinations with the information needed to carry them out in a clinical setting. It encourages students to think about their practice and provides the sonographer with

the necessary tools to provide a 'gold standard' service.

This user-friendly second edition provides a practical introduction to gynaecological ultrasound. It describes and explains background anatomy and physiology, instrumentation and how to make the best use of equipment. Emphasis is placed on how to maximise image quality, and how to recognise normal and pathological features. The volume also assesses other relevant diagnostic techniques and various management strategies, and evaluates the role of ultrasound as part of patient management. It includes chapters on pathology of the uterus, ovaries and adnexae, paediatric and trauma cases, together with management of infertility and other gynaecological perspectives of patient management. Illustrated throughout with numerous high-quality ultrasound images and line drawings, many of them new for this latest edition, this is essential reading for practitioners in training, including radiologists, gynaecologists and sonographers.

A didactic, illustrated guide to the use of ultrasound as a diagnostic tool in clinical practice. Prepared by an international group of experts with wide experience in both developed and developing countries, the manual responds to the need for a basic reference text that can help doctors, sonographers, nurses, and midwives solve imaging problems when no experts are available. With this need in mind, the manual adopts a practical approach aimed at providing a thorough grounding in both the techniques of ultrasound and the interpretation of images. The need for extensive

supervised training is repeatedly emphasized. Because the clinical value of ultrasound depends so greatly on the experience and skill of the operator, the manual makes a special effort to alert readers to common pitfalls and errors, and to indicate specific clinical situations where ultrasound may not be helpful or reliable as a diagnostic tool. Explanatory text is supported by numerous practical tips, warnings, checklists and over 600 illustrations. The opening chapters explain how ultrasound works, outline the factors to consider when choosing a scanner, and introduce the basic rules of scanning, including advice on how to recognize and interpret artefacts. Guidance on the selection of ultrasound equipment includes clear advice concerning where costs can be spared and where investment is essential. The core of the manual consists of seventeen chapters providing guidance on scanning techniques and the interpretation of images for specific organs and anatomical sites, with the most extensive chapter devoted to obstetrics. Each chapter contains illustrated information on indications for scanning, preparation of the patient, including choice of transducer and setting of the correct gain, general scanning techniques, and specific techniques for identifying anatomical landmarks and recognizing abnormalities. The manual concludes with WHO specifications for a general-purpose scanner judged entirely suitable for 90-95% of the most common ultrasound examinations.

An outstanding title from the popular Case Review Series, Obstetric and Gynecologic Ultrasound provides 119 case histories, with over 300 corresponding images,

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questions, answers, commentary, references, and more, to enhance your imaging interpretation skills in obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound. Its discussions incorporate the most recent knowledge from OB/GYN ultrasound literature, providing an excellent review for residents and practitioners alike. Turn to Obstetric and Gynecologic Ultrasound as excellent review for the Boards! Effectively prepare for certification, recertification, and practice with content that mimics the new format of board exams as well as the everyday clinical experience. Review the full range of imaging findings in obstetric in gynecologic ultrasound with the addition of fetal ultrasound and high-risk-pregnancy imaging. Access the most up-to-date information on fetal cardiac anomalies with expert guidance on the use of the 3-vessel view to access the outflow tracts; use of MRI in confirming and accessing fetal anomalies; ultrasound and MRI features of placenta accrete; and ultrasound evaluation of nuchal translucency, nuchal thickness, and fetal cystic hygroma. Boost your skills with 119 cases organized by level of difficulty, as well as multiple-choice questions, answers, rationales, and more. 3D ultrasound shows a still image of a foetus, far more detailed than the 2D flat grey scale imaging. 4D ultrasound is more advanced, showing a moving image, allowing obstetricians to evaluate foetal well-being. It is also used by gynaecologists to examine uterine anomalies. This book is a practical guide to the use of 3D and 4D ultrasound in obstetrics and gynaecology. Divided into three sections, the text begins with an introduction to ultrasound, its working and application, its function, software, and

volume calculation tools. Section Two covers clinical applications of volume ultrasound in obstetrics, explaining its use during the first trimester, for foetal abnormalities, for functional assessment of foetal brain development, and in labour. The final section discusses the application of ultrasound in gynaecology, covering uterine abnormalities, adnexal lesions, and in infertility. The book concludes with an appendix detailing different terms used by different brands. Key points Practical guide to use of 3D and 4D ultrasound in obstetrics and gynaecology Provides detailed explanation of ultrasound working, function and software Covers different uses of ultrasound for foetal monitoring, gynaecological disorders, and infertility Highly illustrated with detailed ultrasound images

Ultrasound forms part of the RCOG's mandatory training programme for all doctors wishing to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology. This book will be of use to both trainees and those already in clinical practice looking for a user-friendly reference guide to its use in gynaecology and early pregnancy.

Make optimal use of the latest diagnostic and interventional ultrasound applications in your practice! This new edition of the world's best-selling reference on obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound guides you through all of the newest ultrasound technologies, enabling you to diagnose problems accurately. The entire book has been radically updated by many new contributors to reflect all of the most recent advances, including greatly expanded information on 3-D ultrasound and the latest generation of ultrasound

scanners, as well as significantly increased discussions of gynecologic ultrasound. What's more, over 2,400 digital-quality images - 1,050 in full color - capture the characteristic appearance of a full range of ultrasound findings, and a new full-color format makes reference easier than ever. The result is an essential purchase for everyone who uses ultrasound for fetal and gynecologic diagnosis and treatment. Get dependable guidance on any clinical issue or challenge by consulting the world's most popular, trusted reference on ob/gyn ultrasound! Obtain optimal results by applying the masterful expertise of world-renowned authority Peter W. Callen, MD, as well as a care of other top specialists on the diagnostic and interventional applications of ultrasound. Make optimal use of all of the latest developments, including 3-D ultrasound, the use of the latest generation of ultrasound scanners, the growing role of ultrasound in gynecologic imaging. Diagnose with confidence by comparing your imaging findings to more than 2,400 digital-quality images - 1,050 in full color - that depict the complete range of normal and abnormal imaging presentations. Locate information more quickly thanks to a new highly templated, full-color format. Visualize key anatomic details more clearly with hundreds of medical illustrations redrawn in full color.

Packed with more sonographic images than ever before, the third edition of the Atlas of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology helps you better understand and interpret sonographic imagery, and improve diagnostic accuracy of ultrasound images. This comprehensive visual tutorial is split into two distinct sections: obstetrical ultrasound

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and gynecological ultrasound. Each section covers normal and abnormal anatomy, pathology, and interventional procedures.

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Part of the renowned Donald School series, this second edition provides obstetricians and gynaecologists with the latest advances in the clinical use of 3D and 4D ultrasound. The book has been fully revised and updated and each chapter explains the application of the technique for different obstetric and gynaecologic disorders. Each topic features a summary of key points and boxes for quick review, as well as further reading suggestions. Authored by internationally recognised experts in the field, the book includes more than 850 ultrasound images, diagrams and tables. Key points Presents latest advances in clinical use of 3D and 4D ultrasound in obstetrics and gynaecology Part of the renowned Donald School series Fully revised, second edition with more than 850 images Internationally recognised author team

This book serves as a comprehensive guide for integrating point-of-care ultrasound into clinical care. It includes detailed chapters on the use of ultrasound in cardiology, dermatology, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics, as well as for the assessment of the abdomen, musculoskeletal system, eyes, and thorax. Over the last decade, the use of diagnostic, point-of-care ultrasound at the bedside has been widely adopted by healthcare professionals in the United States. This technology has spread into many

new areas of clinical medicine and more non-radiologists are seeking training and an up-to-date resource on use of the ultrasound machine. This book provides guidance on how to best approach patients with particular problems, practical guidelines on how to operate the machine and choose probes, descriptions and illustrations that depict the patient's position and structures that are scanned, and the anatomy and pathophysiology of each area. Practical Point-of-Care Medical Ultrasound is a valuable addition to the library of any resident, fellow, physician, or other healthcare provider who uses ultrasound in a clinical setting.

European Practice in Gynaecology and Obstetrics is a series of books conceived and endorsed by the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG). The topics chosen for each volume are those of significant clinical interest where treatment is changing in response to research findings and developments in practice. The volume editor and contributing authors are European specialists invited to contribute because of their expertise in their field. The books concentrate on various types of management used in European practice as well as published results. The authors present treatments for which a consensus exists and - when there is no consensus - they discuss the key elements of the controversy. Each book provides a review of the basic science, recent concepts in pathophysiology, clinical aspects, treatment and unresolved problems or controversies, as well as the major recent references. A final section provides multiple-choice questions for each chapter. Series

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concentrates on important and changing areas of clinical practice Each volume editor is a leading European expert in the field Contributors are drawn from a wide range of European countries All volumes include a review of basic science and pathophysiology, as well as clinical aspects, treatment, unresolved problems Current references are included for each chapter Multiple choice questions are provided at the end of each chapter This volume comes with a CD containing all the colour images in the book plus 106 extra images

Challenge your knowledge of ultrasound to address sexual health abnormalities and early pregnancy issues, alongside identifying, classifying and managing a wide range of gynaecological conditions, with this essential manual. Authored by experts in reproductive health, this bespoke guide delivers practitioners of all levels with a broad scope of sexual and reproductive disorders, as captured by ultrasound. Presenting operational issues and suggested training, this textbook ensures high-quality care in gynaecology, sexual and reproductive health and pregnancy advisory services. For use in a traditional hospital setting through to more remote locations, this guide provides an invaluable toolkit for trainees, sonographers, nurses and clinicians worldwide. Offering clear clinical ultrasound images and extensive case studies with a focus on pregnancy advisory services, this adaptable textbook provides reliable support for those who are in contact

with common, rare and understudied reproductive conditions, wishing to achieve successful diagnosis and optimal imaging first time.

Get outstanding guidance from the world's most trusted reference on OB/GYN ultrasound. Now brought to you by lead editor Dr. Mary Norton, Callen's Ultrasonography in Obstetrics and Gynecology has been completely and exhaustively updated by a team of obstetric, gynecologic, and radiology experts to reflect the most recent advances in the field. It addresses the shift in today's practice to a collaborative effort among radiologists, perinatologists, and OB/GYNs, with new emphasis placed on genetics and clinical management. This must-have resource covers virtually all aspects of fetal, obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound — from the common to the rare — in one essential clinical reference, allowing you to practice with absolute confidence. Highly templated, full-color format allows you to locate information more quickly. Full-color medical illustrations present key anatomic details in a clear manner. Thousands of digital-quality images depict the complete range of normal and abnormal imaging presentations. Provides extensive updates of text and images, including the latest in imaging, Doppler techniques, genetic testing, and clinical management. Brand new chapters provide up-to-date, comprehensive coverage of topics relevant to current practice: -First Trimester Fetal Anatomy -Obstetric Ultrasound

and the Obese Patient -Evaluation of Pelvic Pain in the Reproductive Age Patient -Gynecologic Ultrasound in the Pediatric and Adolescent Patient -Ultrasound and Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Urogynecology -The Role of Ultrasound in Gynecologic Interventions Highlights significant new genetic testing content, including correlation with ultrasound evaluation of the fetus. Places increased emphasis on 3-dimensional imaging and correlative imaging with magnetic resonance (MR). Features new practice guidelines for obstetric evaluation (including first trimester assessment) and gynecologic management (including evaluation of the endometrium and of ovarian masses). Features new information about fetal imaging guidelines from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Provides expanded discussion of fetal, obstetric, and gynecologic interventions with new emphasis on clinical use and application of ultrasound imaging. Includes key and comprehensive reference data used for evaluation of fetal growth and other specialized measurements.

Now in its 4th Edition, **ULTRASONOGRAPHY IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY** remains the definitive source in ultrasonography in obstetrics and gynecology. Now with more high-quality illustrations than ever, this 4th Edition provides an easy -to-read reference guide featuring numerous line drawings, extensive tables, color Doppler, and color medical illustrations.

Part of the popular Case Review series, Obstetric and Gynecologic Ultrasound: Case Review focuses on obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound, complete with full discussion and images. Designed as a study guide for Radiology and OB/GYN residents preparing for board exams and clinical practice, it presents 125 unknown cases with more than 295 images with questions, answers, commentary, references and cross references to Ultrasound: The Requisites by Kurtz & Middleton. Case discussion incorporates the most recent OB/GYN ultrasound literature from Radiology, AJR, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Journal of Ultrasound Medicine, providing an excellent review for practitioners. Includes a thorough review of OB/GYN ultrasound, with emphasis on the latest topics, such as nuchal translucency, ductus arteriosus imaging and intraventricular hyperechoic focus. Provides more than 295 excellent ultrasound images with explanation of findings in the text. Discusses problem-solving tools such as MRI and 3D ultrasound for complicated cases. Excellent review tool for OB/GYN and radiology residents preparing for boards, as well as a current review for practitioners of pertinent clinical OB/GYN ultrasound for clinical practice. Mimics official exam formats and daily practice environment. Expanded and updated edition highlighting current standards and breakthroughs in the technology of Doppler ultrasound Includes latest advances in 3D and color

doppler and 4D fetal echocardiography Includes more than 500 illustrations, including more than 150 in color

Suitable for trainees and practitioners in ob/gyn and radiology who seek to gain an understanding of diagnostic ultrasound in gynecology and obstetrics. This title is presented in bulleted format that emphasizes key points regarding the clinical use of diagnostic ultrasound in gynecology and obstetrics. It also contains 800 ultrasound images.

by Dr. Donald L. King The past decade has seen the ascent of ultrasonography to a preeminent position as a diagnostic imaging modality for obstetrics and gynecology. It can be stated without qualification that modern obstetrics and gynecology cannot be practiced without the use of diagnostic ultrasound, and in particular, the use of ultrasonography. Ultrasonography quickly and safely provides detailed, high resolution images of the pelvic organs and gravid uterus. The quality and quantity of diagnostic information obtained by ultrasonography far exceeds anything previously available and has had a revolutionary impact on the management of patients. High resolution static images permit the intrauterine diagnosis of fetal growth retardation and fetal abnormalities. In addition to traditional images, newer dynamic imaging techniques allow observation of fetal motion, cardiac pulsation, and respiratory efforts. The use of ultrasonography for

guidance has greatly augmented the safety and utility of amniocentesis. One of the great virtues of diagnostic ultrasound has been its apparent safety. At present energy levels, diagnostic ultrasound appears to be without any injurious effect. Although all the available evidence suggests that it is a very safe modality and that the benefit to risk ratio is very high, the actual safety margin for its use VII as yet remains unknown. As a consequence, practitioners are urged to limit its use only to those situations in which genuine clinical indications exist and real benefit to the patient is likely to result.

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