

Bedside Ultrasonography in Clinical Medicine

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Purpose and Overview

Brief History of ultrasonography in medicine

AMA/IOM statement

Components of bedside USS

Data supporting bedside Ultrasound

Training and certification

Controversies

Future and setting up an institutional curriculum

Educational Objective

1. Identify common clinical questions asked by internists, which can be effectively answered with point of care ultrasound.
2. Describe the important components and evidence supporting the use of Bedside ultrasound in clinical medicine
3. Describe current state of ultrasound training in medical schools and internal medicine residency training programs
4. Describe policy /implementation considerations for institutional Bedside Ultrasonography program

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Definition

Bedside Ultrasonography is Ultrasound performed at the Bedside or point of care in real time; the performer is usually the consumer of the generated information/data Findings are directly correlated with the patient's presenting signs and symptoms. Bedside ultrasonography is easily repeatable if the patient's condition changes.

Synonyms

- Hand-held ultrasound
- Point-of-care ultrasound
- Ultrasound stethoscope
- Quick look ultrasound

Ultrasound Basics

Frequency above which humans can hear

>20,000Hz (20KHz)

Frequency in diagnostic Ultrasound is MHz

The higher the frequency the better the resolution, but the lower the penetration, the reverse is true

Piezoelectric material generates sound wave when electricity is applied, and generates electricity when mechanically distorted by sound waves

AMA affirms that ultrasound imaging is within the scope of practice of appropriately trained physicians;

AMA policy on ultrasound acknowledges that broad and diverse use and application of ultrasound imaging technologies exist in medical practice.

Component of bedside ultrasonography include

Bedside Echocardiogram

Useful for determining volume status and volume responsiveness, presence of gross cardiac and pericardial abnormalities and estimation of ejection fraction

Lung ultrasound

Useful for ruling out pneumothorax, evaluating pleural effusion, diagnosing pneumonia and extravascular lung water

Abdominal ultrasound

FAST exam, Liver ultrasound for fatty liver and cirrhosis evaluation, liver masses, abdominal aorta evaluation, evaluating for renal stones and hydronephrosis

Procedure guidance

Central line placement, Thoracentesis, Paracentesis, peripheral IV access, Lumbar puncture

Venous ultrasound

r/o DVT

“Concerns” about Bedside ultrasonography

- Further unnecessary testing/intervention
- False positive findings
- Increased expense
- User dependent technology
- Increased expense
- Distraction from core principle of physical exam technique

Institutional and Departmental Policy considerations and barriers to bedside Ultrasound

- Credentialing and Faculty training
- Image Storage for QA

- Equipment
- Curriculum
- Collaboration intra- and inter-departmental

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