

ABDOMEN ULTRASOUND LIMITED
(ASCITES CHECK)

Patient Prep

1. None

Survey:

Perform a real-time survey of the abdomen for ascites.

Use Doppler or color flow to distinguish vessels and on any abnormalities.

Image Documentation:

Each image must be labeled with the patient's full name, medical record number, accession number, initials of the imaging technologist, organ/area identification, scanning plane and patient orientation if different from supine.

General Procedure description:

1. The patient needs to be in the supine position if possible.
2. Evaluate the abdomen for the presence of ascites.
3. Images need to be obtained in the longitudinal and transverse axis.

Guidelines for ascites check ultrasound:

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1. RUQ to include Morrison's pouch.
2. RLQ
3. LUQ
4. LLQ
5. PELVIS – midline with annotation distinguishing the bladder from abdominal fluid.
6. Document any fluid present.

All color Doppler images should be with and without color.

All measurement images should be with and without measurement.

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