

US Scheduling Guidelines

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Key:

RUQ: Right Upper Quadrant; RLQ: Right Lower Quadrant; LUQ: Left Upper Quadrant; LLQ: Left Lower Quadrant; S/P: Status Post

Rule-out (R/O) is NOT a covered diagnosis.

Per ICD-10 requirements, please include as much specificity as possible when documenting the reason for exam, including signs and symptoms.

ULTRASOUND ABDOMEN COMPLETE

Evaluation of all abdominal organs

Spleen along with any other RUQ organ, and generally any left sided abdominal symptoms. NOTE: Do not order R/O appendicitis.

CPT CODE

SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

76700	Pre- kidney transplant	Pre-operative
76700	Ascites	Ascites
76700	Left and right abdominal pain	LUQ pain and RUQ pain
76700	Left sided abdominal pain	LUQ pain
76700	Generalized abdominal pain	Pain
76700	Splenomegaly (if Dr requests spleen with another organ in the RUQ)	Enlarged spleen and/or abnormal labs
76700	Generalized epigastric pain	Pain
76700	Nausea/Vomiting from unknown origin	Nausea/Vomiting from unknown origin
76700	Cirrhosis R/O Ascites	Abnormal blood work
76700	Bloating	Bloating
76700	Leukopenia	Abnormal blood work

ULTRASOUND ABDOMEN LIMITED

Limited Abdomen is any organ in the RUQ combined together or any single organ ie: Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas, Biliary Tree, Common Bile Duct, Kidney and Inferior Vena Cava. NOTE: A spleen ONLY is also a limited abdomen; NOTE: Do not order R/O appendicitis.

A Limited Abdomen is also a palpable lump/mass located on the abdomen usually to rule out an umbilical hernia.

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76705	RUQ pain	Pain
76705	Abnormal liver function test	Abnormal liver function test
76705	Splenomegaly (if DR requested spleen only)	Enlarged spleen and/or abnormal labs
76705	Liver Cyst	Liver cyst
76705	Hemangioma	Abnormal liver function test
76705	Jaundice	Jaundice
76705	Hepatomegaly	Abnormal liver function test
76705	Gerd R/O gallstones	Reflux,belching,pain
76705	Nausea/vomiting attn gallbladder R/O gallstones	Nausea/vomiting,pain
76705	Biliary disease	Nausea/vomiting,pain
76705	Cirrhosis	Nausea/vomiting,pain
76705	Pancreatic Pseudocyst	Nausea/vomiting,pain
76705	Dysphagia	Difficulty with swallowing foods
76705	Elevated LFT's	Abnormal labs
76705	Hepatitis	Abnormal labs
76705	Thrombocytosis	Abnormal labs
76705	Hyperbilirubinemia	Abnormal labs

ULTRASOUND ABDOMEN VASCULAR

(Tips and portal vein)

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
93975	Cirrhosis/check for proper blood flow direction	Jaundice, pain
93975	Budd Chiari (clot)	Abnormal labs
93975	Tips	Known liver diagnosis

ULTRASOUND AORTA

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76706	AAA Screening	Asymptomatic patient who meets screening requirements (1/lifetime)
93978	Abdominal pulsations R/O aneurysm	Abdominal pulsation
93978	AAA	Follow-up on confirmed AAA
93978	Abdominal pain R/O AAA	Abdominal pain R/O AAA
93978	Pulsatile mass	Palpable mass,swelling
93978	Ectasia	Aneurysm, aortic regurgitation

ULTRASOUND PELVIS

Non OB pelvic US

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76856	Bladder and Pelvic mass	Chronic pelvic pain
76856	Enlarged Prostate	Testicular pain, groin Pain
76856	Neurogenic Bladder	Abnormal bladder,underactive bladder
76856	Pelvic Pain - Male or adolescent female-complete valuation	Pain
76857	Pellvic Pain - Male or adolescent female-limited evaluation	Pain

ULTRASOUND PELVIS AND TRANSVAGINAL

Both scans are recommended unless: 1. Patient has had both in the last 6 months; 2. Physician requests a limited scan as a follow-up to specific findings; 3. Patient is under 16 years old, not sexually active, or has never had an internal exam; 4. Patient's age inhibits tolerance of an internal US scan.

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76856 & 76830	Pelvic Pain	Pain
76856 & 76830	Female Genital symptoms	Female genital symptoms
76856 & 76830	Fibroids	Chronic pelvic pain
76856 & 76830	Ovarian cyst	Pelvic bloating
76856 & 76830	Menorrhagia	Abnormal bleeding
76856 & 76830	Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding (DUB)	Abnormal bleeding
76856 & 76830	Irregular bleeding	Abnormal bleeding
76856 & 76830	Enlarged uterus	Palpable uterus
76856 & 76830	Uterine Leiomyoma	Pain
76856 & 76830	Dyspareunia	Pain during intercourse
76856 & 76830	Check placement of intrauterine contraceptive device	Pain, bleeding
76856 & 76830	Ovarian cancer	Pain, abnormal bleeding

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CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76856 & 76830	Uterine Myoma	Pain
76856 & 76830	Eval endometrial stripe	Post menopausal bleeding, abnormal labs, abnormal menses

ULTRASOUND BLADDER ONLY

NOTE: A retroperitoneal (kidney and bladder) must be ordered for a child 16 years or younger if a kidney (alone) or bladder (alone) is clinically indicated.

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76857	Urinary retention	Urinary hesitancy, difficulty voiding
76857	UTI	Painful voiding
76857	Incomplete Emptying	Pressure, pain
76857	Nocturia frequency	Frequent urination
76857	Polyuria	Excessive amount of urine production
76857	Bladder cancer	Pain

ULTRASOUND RETROPERITONEAL (Kidneys and Bladder)

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76770	Urinary Retention	Pain, difficulty urinating
76770	UTI	Pain, difficulty urinating
76770	Cystitis	Pain, difficulty urinating
76770	VU (Vesicoureteral) Reflux	Pain, difficulty urinating
76770	Neurogenic Bladder	Pain, difficulty urinating
76770	Incomplete Emptying	Residual urine in bladder
76770	Nocturia frequency	Frequent urination

ULTRASOUND KIDNEYS (ONLY)

NOTE: A retroperitoneal (kidney and bladder) must be ordered for a child 11 years or younger if a kidney (alone) or bladder (alone) is clinically indicated.
Do NOT order R/O renal artery stenosis.

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76775	Hydronephrosis	Flank pain, kidney stones, reflux urinary system
76775	Incomplete bladder emptying	Incomplete bladder emptying
76775	Renal tumor	Renal tumor
76775	Renal cancer	Renal cancer
76775	Proteinuria	Proteinuria
76775	UTI	Pain, frequency, hematuria
76775	Hematuria	Hematuria
76775	Renal lesion	Renal lesion
76775	Cyst	Cyst
76775	Chronic kidney disease	BUN,Creatinine labs
76775	Potential donor	Pre-op
76775	Elevated labwork	Elevated labwork
76775	Neurogenic Bladder	Pain, frequency
76775	Obstructive Uropathy	Abnormal labs
76775	Horseshoe Kidney	Hematuria
76775	Urinary Retention	Loss of bladder control
76775	Benign Hypertrophy of Prostate (BHP)	Incomplete emptying, frequency
76775	Angiomyolipoma	Low grade fever, low flank pain
76775	Nephrectomy	Nephrectomy
76775	Hypercalcemia	Abnormal labs
76775	Low kidney function	Elevated BUN
76775	Polycystic kidney disease	Pain, frequency, hematuria

ULTRASOUND KIDNEY Pre/Post Transplanted

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76775	Pre Transplant Evaluation	Evaluation of donor kidney
76776	Post Transplant Evaluation	Post-operative evaluation of recipient

ULTRASOUND IVC and Iliac Veins

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
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93978	S/P filter placement	Edema, shortness of breath
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ULTRASOUND TESTICLES

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
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76870	Mass	Mass
76870	Pain	Pain
76870	Lump	Lump
76870	Testicular cyst	Cyst
76870	Torsion (only on patients 18 and older)	Pain, lump swelling
76870	Hydrocele	Pain, lump swelling
76870	Undescended testicles (only on patients 18 and older)	Pain, lump swelling
76870	Spermatocele	Pain, lump swelling
76870	S/P vasectomy	Pain, lump swelling
76870	Infertility	Pain, lump swelling
76870	Tenderness	Tenderness
76870	Epididymitis	Tenderness
76870	Varicocele	Pain
76870	Atrophy of seminal vesicle	Pain
76870	Edema	Swelling

ULTRASOUND POPLITEAL FOSSA

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
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76881	Pain	Pain R/O bakers cyst
76881	Bakers cyst	Bakers cyst
76881	Swelling behind knee	Swelling behind knee
76881	Lump	Lump

ULTRASOUND CAROTID

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
93880	Dizziness	Dizziness
93880	Double vision	Double vision
93880	Carotid Artery Disease (CAD)	Dizziness,headaches, known disease
93880	Carotid Artery Stenosis (CAS)	Known stenosis
93880	Valvular heart disease	Palpitations, dizzines, fatigue
93880	Bruit	Bruit
93880	Stroke	Slurred speech, visual disturbance
93880	Stricture of artery	Decreased blood flow
93880	Atherosclerosis	Slurred speech, visual disturbance
93880	Aortic Stenosis	Numbness, confusion, weakness, dizziness
93880	Vertigo	Dizziness
93880	Hypertension	Abnormal
93880	Occlusion carotid artery	Occlusion carotid artery
93880	Cerebrovascular disease (CVA)	Known disease
93880	Pulsatile Tenitis	Pulsatile Tenitis
93880	Dysarthria	Dysarthria
93880	Memory loss	Memory loss
93880	Syncope	Syncope
93880	Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)	Slurred speech, visual disturbance
93880	Visual disturbance	Visual disturbance
93880	Carotid Aneurysm	Carotid Aneurysm
93880	Persistent vegetative state (PVS)	Persistent vegetative state (PVS)
93880	Headache	Headache
93880	Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)	Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)
93880	Hypercholesterolemia	Abnormal labs
93880	Hyperlipidemia	Abnormal labs
93880	Stenosis	Stenosis

ULTRASOUND SOFT TISSUE

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76536	Neck	Palpable lump
76604	Chest wall	Palpable lump
76604	Upper back	Palpable lump
76705	Abdominal wall	Palpable lump
76705	Lower back	Palpable lump
76857	Buttocks	Palpable lump
76857	Pelvic Wall	Palpable lump
76857	Penis	Palpable lump
76857	Perineum	Palpable lump
76882	Axilla	Palpable lump
76882	Lower extremity	Palpable lump
76882	Groin	Palpable lump
76882	Upper Extremity	Palpable lump
76999	Other soft tissue areas	Palpable lump

ULTRASOUND THYROID

CPT CODE		SIGNS/SYMPTOMS
76536	Nodule	Nodule
76536	Thyroid cancer	Thyroid cancer
76536	Goiter	Lump
76536	Hypothyroidism	Abnormal labs
76536	Hyperthyroidism	Abnormal labs
76536	Abnormal labs	Abnormal labs
76536	Endocrine disorder	Abnormal labs
76536	Hashimoto's disease	Abnormal labs
76536	Thyromegaly	Abnormal labs
76536	Thyroid enlargement	Thyroid enlargement
76536	Weight gain neck pain	Weight gain neck pain
76536	S/P Thyroidectomy	Any non-malignant condition of the thyroid

ULTRASOUND THYROID LYMPH NODE MAPPING**CPT CODE****SIGNS/SYMPTOMS**

76536	Malignant neo thyroid gland pre or post thyroidectomy	Thyroid cancer S/P thyroidectomy
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VASCULAR UPPER EXTREMITY (to R/O DVT)

NO Upper Bi-Laterals

CPT CODE**SIGNS/SYMPTOMS**

93971	Arm swelling redness R/O DVT	Arm pain
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93971	Arm pain, edema	Arm pain, edema
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VASCULAR LOWER EXTREMITY (to R/O DVT)

Single leg - STAT study

Do not order R/O claudication

CPT CODE**SIGNS/SYMPTOMS**

93971	Leg pain, R/O DVT (Limited / Unilateral)	Leg pain
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93971	Leg edema (Limited / Unilateral)	Edema
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93970	Leg Pain, R/O DVT (Complete / Bilateral)	Leg Pain
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93970	Leg edema (Complete / Bilateral)	Edema
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