

Harlem Hospital Center Radiology Departmental Policy for the Performance of Emergent On-call Ultrasound by the Radiology Resident

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PURPOSE:

To create guidelines for the performance of emergency ultrasound by the on-call resident when the ultrasound technologist is not in-house. These critical ultrasound examinations are those studies in radiology which, due to the indication, warrant performance of the exam:

POLICY:

A. Critical Tests/Indications:

- Lower Extremity Doppler for Acute Deep Vein Thrombosis**
 - Pelvic Ultrasound for Suspected Ovarian Torsion**
 - Scrotal Ultrasound for Suspected Testicular Torsion**
 - Pelvic Ultrasound for Suspected Ectopic Pregnancy*****
- ***beta hCG must be >1,000

B. Positive findings will be verbally reported to the referring physician or service followed by an official interpretation. Results of critical tests will be reported to the referring clinicians if positive or negative.

C. For all other examination indications, the requesting physician should page the on-call radiology resident at 2718. Referring clinicians are encouraged to utilize the radiology service as a consult service, for questions of most appropriate test.

D. For all other urgent ultrasounds, including evaluation for retained products of conception, fetal viability, and additional indications, the examination should be performed the next morning in the radiology department with dedicated sonographer and attending radiologist available.

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