

SECTION W:

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

Multiple Procedures -- are paid at 100% of the listed units for each procedure.

		Technical Component	Interpretation Component	Technical and Interpretation
Head and Neck				
11W	Echoencephalography (midline and ventricular size)	\$62.10	\$46.90	\$109.00
12W	Thyroid sonography	\$97.40	\$53.50	\$150.90
13W	With 7.5 or 10 mhz. transducer	\$133.50	\$53.50	\$187.00
16W	Biometry for measuring axial length - unilateral (second eye not billable if done for comparison purposes)	\$55.60	\$40.80	\$96.40
17W	Ophthalmic sonography for diagnostic examination of the posterior segment - unilateral (second eye not billable if done for comparison purposes)	\$53.00	\$37.80	\$90.80
14W	Transfontanel neonatal brain sonography	\$107.70	\$59.30	\$167.00
Chest				
20W	Echocardiography, M-mode	\$124.20	\$77.00	\$201.20
21W	ultrasonically guided -- pericardiocentesis, or -- thoracocentesis	\$94.00	\$77.00	\$171.00
22W	Sonography for pleural effusion	\$79.20	\$27.80	\$107.00
23W	Sonography for breast mass (per breast)	\$95.60	\$58.40	\$154.00
Abdomen				
30W	Sonography for kidneys, liver, pancreas, gall bladder, spleen, aorta, and related structures	\$187.00	\$105.00	\$292.00
31W	Renal sonography -- independent study only	\$111.60	\$77.40	\$189.00
32W	Ultrasonically guided biopsy or cyst aspiration	\$94.00	\$56.90	\$150.90

Obstetrics

Documentation: Complete and limited obstetric scans require archived image documentation of all of the included below definition findings to support the diagnostic interpretation.

Only 'dynamic' findings are beyond the scope of such image archiving, and these are usually part of biophysical profiles, though fetal heart M-modes must be archived.

Point-of-Care ultrasounds are not billable as complete or limited ultrasounds. See "Definitions" section.

First Trimester (0 to 13 weeks)

First trimester complete ultrasound must include image documentation of

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fetal heart rate (m-mode where at all possible); • Biometry with estimated gestational age; • Sagittal and transverse embryo/fetus images (if visible yet); • Yolk sac (if seen); and • Sagittal and transverse gestational sac images plus other planes as required to document the sac fully, especially in regard to peri-gestational collections or other abnormalities (e.g. fibroids), cul-de-sac especially for fluid and maternal ovaries/adnexal areas. • Including an interpretation and comprehensive report. <p>NOTES: The following services are not payable in the first trimester of pregnancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50W (Doppler flow study) • 20W (echocardiography M-mode) • Limited obstetrical ultrasounds 			
401W	Complete	\$174.30	\$102.50	\$276.80
	<u>Second Trimester (14 to 26 weeks)</u>			
	<u>Second trimester complete ultrasound must include image documentation of:</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation, lie, placentation, fluid, fetal heart rate, cervix, fetal anatomy (see SOGC/CAR standards for specifics), biometry, EFW, +/- maternal findings. • Including an interpretation and comprehensive report. 			
402W	Complete – singleton	\$174.30	\$102.50	\$276.80
412W	Complete – twins – not to be billed before 16 weeks	\$214.50	\$129.50	\$344.00
422W	Complete – triplets or greater - not to be billed before 16 weeks	\$253.10	\$168.90	\$422.00
	<u>Second Trimester (14 to 26 weeks)</u>			
	<u>Second and third trimester limited ultrasounds are:</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For problem solving, such as rechecking a low placenta, high/low AFV, LGA/SGA, rechecking anatomy previously obscured or questionably abnormal. • To answer a specific question such as in the following situations: to assess fetal life, assess fetal well-being, fetal presentation, estimate amniotic fluid, follow up fetal growth, evaluate the cervix or to assess a specific area or areas that could not be adequately imaged on prior examination due to fetal or maternal causes. In most cases, a limited examination is appropriate only when a prior complete examination has been done. • Typically, such scans should include all 'full' 2nd trimester scan findings except not repeating a full anatomy scan. • Including an interpretation and comprehensive report 			
432W	Limited – singleton, twins or triplets or greater	\$89.20	\$52.20	\$141.40

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<u>Third trimester (27 to 40 weeks)</u>				
Third trimester complete ultrasounds are performed when medically required, as per the second trimester criteria; otherwise see "Limited".				
403W	Complete – singleton	\$174.30	\$102.50	\$276.80
413W	Complete – twins	\$214.50	\$129.50	\$344.00
423W	Complete – triplets or greater	\$253.10	\$168.90	\$422.00
433W	Limited – singleton, twins or triplets or greater	\$89.20	\$52.20	\$141.40
42W	Sonography for I.U.C.D. localization	\$97.40	\$59.90	\$157.30
43W	Pelvic Sonography	\$152.00	\$82.00	\$234.00
45W	Transvaginal ultrasound study add to 40W or 43W	\$71.50	\$38.50	\$110.00
149W	Nuchal translucency screening -- first trimester (in an approved facility, only physicians designated by the SMA Tariff Committee as eligible) -- one per pregnancy	\$83.80	\$52.20	\$136.00
150W	- each additional foetus	\$61.20	\$38.20	\$99.40
49W	Transvaginal ultrasound study as an independent procedure -- initial (Serial studies for infertility are uninsured and not billable. Follicle tracking for insured services is payable as 49W for the first exam and 449W for subsequent exams within 22 days).	\$141.70	\$76.30	\$218.00
449W	Transvaginal ultrasound follicle tracking follow-up study -- subsequent exam within 22 days	\$81.00	\$48.00	\$129.00
44W	Ultrasonically guided amniocentesis	\$96.40	\$60.90	\$157.30
46W	Biophysical profile of fetus (<u>not to be billed before 28 weeks</u>) max of 1 per day	\$147.70	\$103.80	\$251.50
446W	Biophysical profile per additional multiple fetus (<u>not to be billed before 28 weeks</u>)	\$95.60	\$61.40	\$157.00
Doppler Studies				
50W	Flow studies including arterial or venous or foetal monitoring or shunt assessment, etc. max of 1 per day	\$128.40	\$57.60	\$186.00
54W	peripheral venous (per limb)	\$224.00	\$85.00	\$309.00
51W	- each additional foetus	\$92.60	\$42.40	\$135.00
Miscellaneous				
60W	Transrectal ultrasonography of prostate	\$122.00	\$77.00	\$199.00
62W	Ultrasonography of testicles	\$103.30	\$56.70	\$160.00
72W	Ultrasonography of parotid glands or similar	\$86.00	\$58.00	\$144.00

Miscellaneous continued....

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73W	Hypertrophic pyloric stenosis	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
Soft Tissue Ultrasounds				
1. Soft tissue ultrasounds are not billable in conjunction with any other ultrasound (joint, testicles, thyroid, etc) when done as routine practice for a brief cursory scan of the surrounding soft tissues as part of the primary procedure requested by the referring physician.				
2. There may be instances where a brief scan of the surrounding tissues may reveal an abnormality that should be characterized, if so, the findings and medical necessity of the additional ultrasound must be documented.				
120W	Head and Neck - excluding thyroid or parotid glands	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
122W	Torso - excluding axilla or groin	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
124W	Back	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
126W	Shoulder to Elbow *	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
128W	Elbow to fingers *	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
130W	Axilla *	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
132W	Hip to Knee *	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
134W	Knee to Toes *	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
136W	Groin *	\$114.70	\$64.30	\$179.00
*two units may be billed for bilateral				
Joint Ultrasound				
Additional units done for comparison purposes are not billable.				
200W	Spine	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
202W	Neck	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
204W	Complete Shoulder or Acromio-Clavicular Joint *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
206W	Elbow *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
208W	Wrist *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
210W	Hand--Fingers--Thumb *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
212W	Hip *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
214W	Knee *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
216W	Ankle *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
218W	Foot-Toes *	\$155.60	\$76.40	\$232.00
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