

# ULTRASOUND (US) SCANS

Exam Reference / Protocol Guidelines

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INTERMOUNTAIN  
 MEDICAL IMAGING

Body Part	Indication	Exam Needed	CPT Code	Additional Info Needed for Order
<b>AORTA</b>	Pulsatile mass, calcification of the aorta on other modalities. Follow up AAA	US duplex aorta/ivc/iliac/graft ltd (aorta indications)	93979	
<b>AORTA</b>	Screening aorta for AAA (Medicare criteria only)	US Abdominal aorta aneurysm (AAA) screening	76706	Please document Medicare screening criteria (ex: Male 65-75 with smoking history OR female with family history of AAA)
<b>ABDOMEN</b>	RUQ pain, gallbladder disease, appendicitis. Limited to 1 quadrant	US Abdomen Limited	76705	Specify quadrant (RUQ, LUQ, etc.), and indication.
<b>ABDOMEN</b>	General Abdominal Pain, multiple organ evaluation. All 4 quadrants included.	US Abdomen Complete	76700	This exam includes liver, gallbladder, pancreas, spleen, kidneys, aorta, IVC
<b>ABDOMEN</b>	RLQ pain, appendicitis	US Abdomen Limited (limited to 1 quadrant)	76705	
<b>BLADDER ONLY</b>	Bladder eval & Post void Residual, prostate (no kidney evaluation)	US Pelvis Non OB Limited	76857	To evaluate both bladder and kidneys, order Retroperitoneal Complete
<b>BLADDER + KIDNEYS</b>	Kidney stones, flank pain, hematuria	US Retroperitoneal Complete	76770	
<b>EXTREMITY VENOUS - DVT RULE OUT</b>	Leg or arm pain, swelling, edema	US Duplex Extremity Venous Upper or Lower	93970 Bilateral or 93971 Unilateral	If bilateral, must document symptoms in both extremities.
<b>HERNIA</b>	Suspected abdominal hernia, palpable bulge above or around umbilicus	US Abdomen Limited; for inguinal hernia see soft tissue code chart (on back)	76705	laterality + location
<b>MSK - ACHILLES</b>	Tendon pain or injury	US Extremity Nonvascular LTD	76882	We only perform Achilles Tendon MSK
<b>OB &lt;14 WKS</b>	Early pregnancy dating, viability	US OB Less 14 WKS Single or First Gestation & US OB Transvaginal	76801, 76817(TV)	Both TA/TV portions of exam need to be ordered for OB<14wks TA/TV
<b>OB &gt;14 WKS</b>	Routine fetal anatomy scan	US OB >14weeks Single Gestation	76805	Last menstrual Period (LMP), or EDD. Typically done at 18-22 weeks
<b>PELVIC/GYN</b>	Pelvic Pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, ovarian cysts	US Pelvis NON OB Complete w/ Transvaginal	76856 & 76830, 93976 (duplex)	Include pelvic symptoms. Duplex ordered to R/O torsion
<b>CAROTID ARTERY</b>	Carotid bruit, syncope, stroke symptoms, vascular risk factors	US Duplex Carotid Artery Bilateral	93880	Include neurologic symptoms or risk factors
<b>RENAL ARTERY</b>	Resistant or unexplained hypertension	US Renal Artery Duplex Bilateral	93975	Suspected renal artery stenosis
<b>SCROTUM</b>	Testicular pain, lump	US Scrotum and Contents	76870, 93976 (duplex)	Order duplex rule/out torsion

## SOFT TISSUE CODES

Anatomic Region	CPT Code	XRA Code	DR Exam Description	Explanation
<b>NECK/THYROID</b>	76536	85299	US soft tissue head-neck	Soft tissue mass, fluid collection
<b>UPPER EXTREMITY</b>	76882	86423	US extremity nonvascular; limited	Indicate laterality on the order
<b>AXILLA</b>	76882	86423	US extremity nonvascular; limited	
<b>CHEST WALL</b>	76604-52	85301	US chest	Not used for breast
<b>UPPER BACK</b>	76604-52	85301	US chest	
<b>LOWER BACK</b>	76705	85307	US abdomen, limited	
<b>ABDOMINAL WALL</b>	76705	85307	US abdomen, limited	A hernia into the abdominal wall would be reported as a US abdomen, limited code 76705. A hernia into the lower abdominal (pelvic) wall below the level of the iliac crests would be reported as a US pelvic, limited code 76857. Hernia in inguinal area would be reported as an extremity Nonvascular limited 76882
<b>PELVIC WALL</b>	76857	85347	US pelvic, limited	
<b>BUTTOCKS</b>	76857	85347	US pelvic, limited	
<b>GROIN</b>	76882	86423	US extremity nonvascular; limited	
<b>PERINEUM</b>	76857	85347	US pelvic, limited	
<b>LOWER EXTREMITY</b>	76882	86423	US extremity nonvascular; limited	Indicate laterality on the order
<b>OTHER SOFT TISSUE AREAS</b>	76999	76882	US unlisted procedure	

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