

# ULTRASOUND (US) SCANS

## Exam Reference / Protocol Guidelines

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Body Part	Indication	Exam Needed	CPT Code	Additional Info Needed for Order
<b>AORTA</b>	Pulsatile mass, calcification of the aorta on other modalities	US duplex aorta/ivc/iliac/graft ltd (aorta indications)	93979	
<b>AORTA</b>	Screening aorta for AAA for those patients that meet criteria	US aorta AAA screening (eg medicare screening)	76706	Offices MUST include on the order which Medicare aorta screening criteria the patient meets for this exam. (e.g. Male age 65 - 75 YO - Smoking hx of 40 years/1 ppd, or female - family history of AAA)
<b>ABDOMEN</b>	RUQ pain, epigastric pain, jaundice, elevated LFT's, gallbladder	US abdomen; limited	76705	
<b>ABDOMEN</b>	General abdominal pain (not RUQ or epigastric)	US abdomen	76705	
<b>ABDOMEN</b>	RLQ pain, appendicitis	US abdomen; limited	76705	
<b>RENAL (ABDOMEN)</b>	Kidney stones, flank pain, hematuria	US retroperitoneal; complete	76770	
<b>HERNIA</b>	Soft tissue mass, fluid collection	US Hernia; or see soft tissue code chart (on the back)		Please note location in indications
<b>PELVIC (OB)</b>	Less than 14 wk pregnancy	US pregnancy; transvaginal	76817	
<b>PELVIC</b>	Pelvic pain, tubo-ovarian abscess (TOA)	US pelvic; complete & US; transvaginal	76856 & 76830	
<b>EXTREMITY (MSK)</b>	Specific tendon/ligament and what is the concern (rupture, partial tear, inflammation, etc.)	US MSK or US Extremity Nonvascular Limited	76882 (US limited or nonvascular structure) or 76881 (US complete full shoulder eval (e.g. rotator cuff)	Be as detailed as possible with indications.

## 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	
<b>AXILLA</b>	76882	86423	US extremity nonvascular; limited	
<b>CHEST WALL</b>	76604-52	85301	US chest	
<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.
<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	
<b>OTHER SOFT TISSUE AREAS</b>	76999	86289	US unlisted procedure	