

## 15. ULTRASOUND IMAGING

**Objective:** The performance of diagnostic imaging occurs with the intention of producing diagnostic quality images.

Practices that perform ultrasonography may have in-house equipment, or they may have a third-party service provider (who may be an itinerant veterinarian or a non-veterinarian) who works with the practice to perform ultrasonography with their own equipment for the practice's clients.

Performing ultrasound is a dynamic process and a veterinarian uses their professional judgement to determine when a case requires images to be saved and documented.

### Requirements

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Diagnostic ultrasound can be performed at or from the facility or by a diagnostic service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Ultrasound imaging equipment and facilities are suitable for the range of species routinely treated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Ultrasound imaging equipment is properly maintained and in good repair. The equipment is serviced according to manufacturers' requirements. Equipment is cleaned after each use.  If ultrasonography is performed by a third-party service provider who attends the facility and uses their own equipment, then the facility director is responsible for obtaining this information from the third-party provider.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Ultrasound equipment is operated by trained team members. If ultrasonography is performed by a third-party service provider (itinerant veterinarian or non-veterinarian) who uses their own equipment, then the facility director is responsible for ensuring that the provider has the appropriate training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. A means to view diagnostic images is easily accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. When diagnostic images are saved, they are properly identified.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
7. When diagnostic images are saved, they are stored and maintained for the same length of time as the medical record. That is, 5 years after the date of the last entry in the patient's record.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. When diagnostic images are saved, they are securely archived or filed in a manner which preserves their quality and allows for easy retrieval.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. When diagnostic images are saved, facilities are available for transmission and distribution of copies of diagnostic images to other practices and owners. The diagnostic images shall not be altered, and the transmission shall preserve the quality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Notes Section: Explain how your facility provides ultrasound imaging services and how it meets the requirements. What are the manufacturer's requirements or instructions for ultrasound imaging equipment service?</b>			