

# INTRODUCTION

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The following protocols have been developed in an effort to standardize the exams performed in the Radiology Ultrasound Department at Parkland Memorial Hospital and thereby improving patient care and exam outcome.

These protocols are meant to be a guideline for what is expected from each exam. It should be kept in mind that the **detection** of abnormality is primarily made during the **real time** survey of the targeted area of the body. If no abnormalities are found, images are documented as specified in each protocol for the patient's record. Close adherence to the suggested sequence will help prevent omissions and will contribute to efficiency during the interpretation by the radiologist. It is however the responsibility of the person performing the study to extend the exam to answer all clinical questions and to document all pathology that is detected.

The following pages list the protocols for scanning of certain organs and applications. The recommended transducers for each study are also listed.