Referral of patients for comprehensive ultrasound examinations during the COVID – 19 Pandemic

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Dear Doctor,

Thank you for referring your patient to our care for the purpose of an ultrasound examination. In caring for both our patients and staff, we are working to minimise exposure to COVID-19, whether the status of infection is known, suspected or unknown. Based on the risk criteria for transmission between patient and sonographer (and vice versa) due to the circumstances of the ultrasound examination with close and sustained personal contact required.

As such we have adapted scanning protocols specifically to address the clinical question in which the patient was referred. Please note any changes made to the comprehensive ultrasound examination will be noted in the report. The examination may be truncated to minimise contact time between sonographer and patient, while targeting the clinical history and question posed.

Should the symptoms of your patient change or the report offered does not fit with your clinical findings, please do not hesitate to contact the practice to discuss further imaging requirements.

Please phone us or advise your patient to do this before presenting at the clinic even if the appointment is urgent. This will ensure the appropriate exam and minimise waiting times for the patient.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.