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Ultrasound examination of pregnancy should only be performed for a valid clinical indication. During this examination, scanning time should not be extended in duration for the purpose of providing the patients with a still or video record.

COMMENTS

A practice or department may choose to provide the parent(s) with still or video images of a diagnostic examination.

1. The provision of such images should not interfere with the diagnostic quality of the examination.
2. Providers should be aware of the medico-legal implications if a missed lesion is demonstrated on the image(s) given to the parent(s).
3. Such practice should comply with the statements relating to ultrasound safety (Statements A1 – A7 inclusive, with particular emphasis on adherence to the ALARA principle).



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