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Introduction to Abdominal and

OB/GYN Ultrasound Course

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48 AMA PRA Category 1



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Faculty: Debbie Robertson, BS, RDMS

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As the Senior Vice President, I would like to thank you for choosing Advanced Health Education Center's (AHEC) for your Ultrasound training course. The faculty, staff, and fellow students join me in welcoming you. We will make reasonable efforts to ensure that your time with us is enjoyable as well as educational. These courses are designed to help you develop the skills and acquire the information necessary to perform at a high level of competency in sonography. There are various areas in which you will be evaluated during the course to ensure your learning and success.

AHEC has been a leading provider of continuing education for healthcare professionals in imaging sciences since 1988. Our mission is to provide you with evidence-based education and training that will increase your knowledge, enhance your competency, and improve patient care. Since receiving ACCME Accreditation in 1998, we have assisted in the development of ultrasound skills for physicians, sonographers, nurses, midwives and other healthcare professionals.

The registration packet is designed to provide students with general information regarding AHEC, course information, CME credit, and disclosure of relevant financial interest. We wish you well in your professional advancements and are here to assist you in pursuing your educational goals. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance to you at 1-800-239-1361.

Congratulations and good luck pursuing your professional goals!

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Course Overview

Event Location: Advanced Health Education Center

8502 Tybor Drive

Houston, Texas, 77074

Credit: 48 AMA PRA Category 1™

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Instructor: Shawn Shanmuganathan BS, RDMS, RVT and Debbie Robertson, BS, RDMS

Abdominal Ultrasound Course Description:

The three-day abdominal ultrasound program is a systematic presentation of abdominal scanning using an integrated teaching approach of lecture, assigned reading, testing, demonstration, and clinical scanning of models. Didactic training is reinforced through clinical laboratory experience.

The focus of this three-day course is to provide participants with the confidence necessary to complete an abdominal ultrasound based on AIUM protocols. The course covers the basic protocols involved in an examination and general use of the ultrasound system. Normal anatomy of the liver, gall bladder, kidneys, spleen, abdominal vessels, and pancreas will be discussed. Also included are soft tissue applications and abdominal doppler. The participants will gain experience through lecture and faculty supervised hands on scanning. This format allows each participant ample opportunity to gain the knowledge and confidence needed to independently perform a basic abdominal ultrasound.

Faculty: Shawn Shanmuganathan - No relevant financial relationships to disclose.

Abdominal Ultrasound Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Utilize the principles of instrumentation to set up ultrasound equipment for obtaining diagnostic images according to AIUM guidelines.
- Recognize and identify the organ systems in the abdomen on an ultrasound image.
- Perform abdominal Doppler using Color and Pulsed Wave Doppler
- Understand and identify pathological variants.
- Follow the sequence of an abdominal ultrasound procedure from the beginning to its conclusion.
- Recognize and identify the thyroid, scrotum, and appendix

Abdominal Ultrasound Course Topics:

- Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation
- Upper Abdominal Organ Systems Anatomy and Vasculature
- Evaluation and Image Review of Normal vs. Abnormal Studies
- Scan Techniques and Protocols for Image Acquisition of:
 - Prevertebral Vessels
 - Liver and Biliary System
 - Pancreas, Spleen and Kidney
 - Thyroid, Scrotum and Appendix
 - Abdominal Doppler



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OB/GYN Course Description:

The three-day ultrasound program is a systematic presentation of obstetric and gynecological scanning using an integrated teaching approach of lecture, assigned reading, testing, demonstration, and clinical scanning of models. Didactic training is reinforced through clinical laboratory experience.

Boost your confidence by attending our three-day OB/GYN ultrasound course that is focused on the ultrasound examination and evaluation of the female pelvis. Each day begins with lecture, including physics, instrumentation, female anatomy, fetal biometry. Case studies will be presented to familiarize the participants with normal and abnormal findings.

Participants will finish the day in our on-site scanning lab, where they will benefit from live models and hands on experience supervised by a faculty member. The course will give participants the skills and knowledge necessary to complete and understand an ultrasound using transabdominal and endovaginal protocols according to AIUM guidelines.

Faculty: Debbie Robertson, BS, RDMS - No relevant financial relationships to disclose.

OB/GYN Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Utilize the principles of instrumentation to obtain diagnostic images
- Recognize normal and abnormal pelvic anatomy
- Identify the difference in techniques related to transabdominal and endovaginal pelvic scanning techniques
- Identify basic fetal anatomy and biophysical profile
- Identify basic fetal anomalies and their ultrasound appearance
- Apply appropriate measurement techniques in transabdominal and endovaginal scanning
- Identify ultrasound findings in evaluating ectopic pregnancy

OB/GYN Course Topics:

- Introduction to ultrasound physics and instrumentation
- Pelvic anatomy transabdominal and endovaginal
- Fetal anatomy and biometry
- AIUM Scan protocols and patient preparation
- Placenta and fetal Doppler
- Fetal anomalies
- Case studies



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Abdominal Course Schedule

Lecture 8am-12noon | Lunch 12-1pm | Scan Lab 1pm-5pm

Day 1 Lecture

8:00am -12:00pm

- Physics and Instrumentation
- Abdominal Vessels
- Liver
- Doppler
- Gallbladder

1:00pm-5:00pm

- Hands-on Demonstration/Participation with live models

Day 2 Lecture

8:00am -12:00pm

- Pancreas
- Renal
- Doppler
- Spleen

1:00pm-5:00pm

- Hands-on Demonstration/Participation with live models

Day 3 Lecture

8:00am -12:00pm

- Thyroid
- Small Parts

1:00pm-5:00pm

- Hands-on Demonstration/Participation with live models



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Day One

8:00am -12:00pm

- Introduction
- Physics and Instrumentation
- Basic Pelvic Ultrasound
- Pelvic Orientation and Imaging for transabdominal and endovaginal
- Normal 1st Trimester Ultrasound
- Imaging Uterine and Ovarian pathology
- Sonohysterography Video
- GYN Case Studies

1:00pm-5:00pm

- Hands-on Demonstration/Participation with live models for Gynecological Scanning

Day Two

8:00am-12:00pm

- Abnormal 1st Trimester Ultrasound
- Multiple Gestations
- OB 1 Case Studies
- Ectopic Pregnancy
- 2nd/3rd Trimester Biometry

1:00pm-5:00pm

- Hands-on Demonstration/Participation with live models for 1st Trimester Scanning

Day Three

8:00am-12:00pm

- Review 2/3 Biometry
- OB Normal and Abnormal Anatomy
- Placenta
- BPP, IUGR, Cord Doppler
- Balance/3D

1:00pm-5:00pm

- Hands-on Demonstration/Participation with live models for 2nd and 3rd Trimester Scanning



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Abdominal Ultrasound Skills Checklist

The participant demonstrates an understanding of the following controls to optimize the image:

Physics and Instrumentation

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> On/Off | <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Range |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Output/Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Presets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depth | <input type="checkbox"/> Calipers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Gain | <input type="checkbox"/> Freeze/Cine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TGC/DGC | <input type="checkbox"/> Color/Power/Pulse Doppler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focal Zones | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom |

The participant identifies and is able to image the following anatomy with measurements where applicable:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse of left lobe of liver | <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse thyroid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse of right lobe of liver | <input type="checkbox"/> Common bile duct |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse right and left kidneys | <input type="checkbox"/> Portal vein |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse urinary bladder | <input type="checkbox"/> Aorta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse gallbladder | <input type="checkbox"/> IVC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse pancreas | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long and transverse spleen | <input type="checkbox"/> Doppler of abdominal vasculature |



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OB/GYN Skills Checklist

The participant demonstrates an understanding of navigating the instrumentation of the machine.

Physics and Instrumentation

- Power Button
- Preset Parameters
- Depth Button
- Calipers
- Measurement calculation
- Cine Loop
- Freeze Button
- Zoom
- Gain Button
- Time Gain Compensation
- M-mode
- Pulse Doppler Settings
- Color Doppler Settings
- Color Power Doppler
- Care of the Transducer
- Quality Assurance

The participant understands the proper techniques for cleaning and care of the transducers.

Be able to scan for GYN both transabdominal and transvaginal.

- Cervix
- Uterus
- Endometrium
- Ovaries
- Fallopian Tubes
- Adnexa

Be able to perform 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, trimester OB Scans

- FHR
- Gestational Sac
- CRL
- Cisterna Magna
- Lateral Ventricle
- Nuchal Fold
- BPD
- Head Circumference
- Abdominal Circumference
- Femur Length
- Four Chamber Heart
- Stomach
- Three Vessel Cord
- Kidneys
- Bladder
- Cord Insertion
- Placenta
- AFI



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