

Breast Ultrasound

16 AMA PRA Category 1

Faculty: Jessica Smith, BS, MHA, RDMS (AB, OB/GYN, BR)

Target Audience: Sonographers, mammographers, or physicians working in women's health seeking to learning breast ultrasound.

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Welcome to Advanced Health Education Center

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and your fellow students, I want to personally welcome you to your Ultrasound training course at AHEC. We're thrilled you've chosen us to advance your education, and we are committed to making your experience both enjoyable and rewarding. Our courses are designed to help you build practical skills, deepen your knowledge, and perform at a high level of competency in sonography. Throughout your training, you will be evaluated in several areas to ensure your growth and success.

Since 1988, AHEC has been a trusted provider of continuing education for healthcare professionals in the imaging sciences. Our mission is to provide evidence-based education that enhances your competency and improves patient care. We have proudly supported the development of ultrasound skills for physicians, sonographers, nurses, midwives, and other healthcare professionals.

This registration packet includes essential information about AHEC, your course, CME credit, and disclosure of any relevant financial interests. We are here to support you in achieving your educational goals—please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 1-800-239-1361 if you need assistance.

Congratulations on taking this step in your professional journey. We look forward to seeing your skills and confidence grow!

Warm Regards,



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Course Overview

Event Location: Advanced Health Education Center

8502 Tybor Drive

Houston, Texas, 77074

Credit: 16 AMA PRA Category 1™

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Instructor: Jessica Smith, BS, MHA, RDMS (AB, OB/GYN, BR)

Course Description:

The importance of ultrasound as an adjunct procedure to mammography is well documented. This educational activity provides a foundation in normal anatomy, physiology, and pathologic conditions evaluated by breast ultrasound. The course emphasizes the integration of sonography and mammography to enhance diagnostic accuracy and patient outcomes.

Participants will receive both classroom instruction and practical, hands-on scanning experience. Ultrasound-guided interventional procedures and examination of breast implants will be discussed. Case studies will be utilized to correlate mammographic and sonographic findings and to recognize common ultrasound artifacts.

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Course Objectives:

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

- Describe the role of breast ultrasound as an adjunct to mammography in the evaluation of breast disease
- Identify and display appropriate normal anatomy and orientation in the ultrasound field of view
- Describe basic scanning protocols
- Correlate areas of suspicion on the ultrasound and mammogram
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the equipment knobology
- Choose the correct transducer for the ultrasound examination
- Successfully complete a basic breast ultrasound examination following correct patient preparation and procedure protocols
- Identify breast ultrasound artifacts and methods utilized to reduce their occurrence
- Be able to identify sources and research reference materials for additional information on breast ultrasound



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Course Schedule

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

Day 1 Lecture

8:00 - 12 noon

- History of Breast Ultrasound
- Anatomy and Terminology
- Physics and Instrumentation
- Normal Breast Tissue and Lesions

1pm-5pm - Scan Lab

Day 2 Lecture

8:00 - 12 noon

- Correlation of Mammography Images with Ultrasound Images
- Lymph Nodes and Malignant Lesions
- Breast Implants, Invasive Procedures and Post Surgery Breast
- Complimentary Imaging'
- QA and Accreditation

1pm-5pm - Scan Lab



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Skills Checklist

The participant demonstrates an understanding of the following controls and how they affect the image:

INSTRUMENTATION

- ☐ Power Button
- ☐ Gain Button
- ☐ TGC Pods
- ☐ Depth Button
- ☐ Dynamic Range Button
- ☐ Freeze Button
- ☐ Preset Parameters
- ☐ Calipers
- ☐ Focal Zones
- ☐ Doppler Settings
- ☐ Color Doppler Settings

ORIENTATION

Identify:

- ☐ Breast Quadrants
- ☐ Locate Area of Interest Using Clock Method
- ☐ Cooper's Ligament
- ☐ Fatty Tissue
- ☐ Glandular Tissue
- ☐ Ribs Care of the Transducer
- ☐ Cleaning and Disinfecting of the Transducer



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CME Credit:

- “The Advanced Health Education Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.”
- “The Advanced Health Education Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of 16 hours AMA PRA Category I™. Physician should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.”

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