

CHECKLIST FOR THE SONOGRAPHER

The sonographer should use this checklist before proceeding with the examination. Documentation is key in cases where complaints are made. Use the 'notes' column to provide documentation about the consent process.

Checklist item	Notes
Will a student be present during the scan, and what will their role be? (i.e., observer, assisting, conducting examination, level of supervision). Has this been explained to the patient?	
If a chaperone is to be present, who are they, have they been trained for the role they are undertaking? Consent to have a chaperone present should be provided by the patient.	
Were there any communication barriers prior to the patient providing the information above, and how were they overcome?	
Do you have any concerns about the patient's ability or legal right to provide consent? If so, you should not proceed with the examination unless alternate arrangements are made (i.e., alternate decision maker consulted, patient referred back to referring doctor).	
Do you have any concerns that the patient is feeling coerced? Do not proceed with the examination if this is the case.	
Do you have any concerns that the patient is in a vulnerable situation? If so, further discussion with the patient is required, or an advocate of the patient may be consulted.	
Is the scan being performed in a situation where the patient is unable to give consent and it is an emergency situation where if the scan is not performed, the life of the patient is in danger, or there may be significant deterioration in the patient's health? Provide an explanation.	

Sonographer name _____ Signature _____ Date _____