

US On Call

Sonographers

Are on call to scan Saturdays 0800-1900, Sundays 0800-1700 and holidays 0800-1700.

Chaperones

- Required for all males scanning female patients for female pelvis exams.
- Females scanning scrotal or penile exams are encouraged to request chaperone presence should they prefer.
- Any US where a resident feels they need a chaperone, they may request one (with the exception of required male scanning female pelvis US).
 - On call the emergency room or inpatient service are tasked with identifying and providing the chaperone.

Operations

- Cases added on at the very end of an on call shift is tricky.
 - Calling the sonographer 15 min before the end of their shift is not unreasonable- however if it's close to the end of their shift, please consider that some live quite far away before calling them in.
 - If a sonographer is here late scanning a patient and another order arrives while they are here after hours doing a study, the sonographers are not obliged to stay (can be asked if they are able to stay-they may not be able or willing)
- There are emergent cases that may not be able to wait for the sonographer to arrive.
 - Rule out torsion cases have a 30 minute turn around - may not be feasible for a sonographer who lives an hour away. These are to be performed by the on call resident. A discussion with the ordering provider may elucidate whether or not the patient can wait for the sonographer.
- If two on call orders arrive simultaneously, triage these with the attending on call and/or discuss prioritization with the ED & document that discussion.
 - Evenings and overnight the resident can only scan one patient at a time.
- There will be times that the sonographer is here, scanning a patient when an order arrives for a simultaneous rule out torsion case. In those instances, the resident should scan the 2nd patient in another room concurrently.