



Emergency Medicine Documentation Tip

Bedside Ultrasound

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Did you know...

If you are credentialed on performing Bedside Ultrasounds the following information is needed to bill the procedure.

Documentation requirements:

- ✓ Interpretation
 - Must be a written part of the medical record
 - Must describe all structures or organs studied and supply an interpretation of the findings
- ✓ Medical Necessity - documentation must indicate why the test was medically indicated
- ✓ Image retention – all images must be stored and available for future review as part of the medical record

Interpretation Example:

“I performed a limited transvaginal ultrasound exam of the pelvis to evaluate for IUP vs. signs of ectopic pregnancy in a patient with a positive pregnancy test and vaginal bleeding. The uterus and pouch of Douglas were visualized. There was a small (physiological) amount of free fluid in the pelvis. The uterus had an endometrial stripe of 12 mm with no definite sign of IUP. Impression: no evidence of an intrauterine pregnancy.”

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