Ultrasound Ordering Guide

ABDOMEN

Abdomen Complete ........................................ CPT Code 76700
Includes liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, pancreas, spleen, limited views of kidneys, proximal aorta and IVC (inferior vena cava)
Typically this exam is ordered if a comprehensive evaluation of the upper abdomen is desired
• Focal or diffuse abdominal pain
• Nasogastric or vomiting
• Abnormal liver function tests

Abdomen Limited ........................................ CPT Code 76705
See the list of indications for Abdomen Complete. This limited exam is typically ordered as a follow-up exam where the focus is to evaluate a single organ or quadrant (right upper quadrant or the left upper quadrant). Additionally, this exam is ordered when a 4-quadrant survey for ascites check is desired.
Includes single abdominal organ, right upper quadrant, left upper quadrant, or 4-quadrant survey (for ascites check)
• Gallstones
• Hepatomegaly
• Splenomegaly
• Follow-up to other imaging

Liver Doppler ............................................. CPT Code 93975
Additionally, please order an Abdomen Complete or Abdomen Limited if gray scale images are needed. Refer above for differentials.

Abdominal Aorta .......................................... CPT Code 76775
• Abdominal bruit
• AAA (abdominal aortic aneurysm) screening

Abdominal Aorta Doppler ............................... CPT Code 93978 and 76775
• S/P AAA (abdominal aortic aneurysm) repair
• S/P TAA (thoracic aortic aneurysm) repair

IVC Doppler ................................................ CPT Code 93978
• Bilateral lower extremity swelling
• IVC thrombosis

Renal / Kidney .............................................. CPT Code 76770
• ARF (acute renal failure)
• CRI (chronic renal insufficiency)
• Hematuria

Renal Doppler ............................................. CPT Code 93975 and 76775
• Uncontrolled hypertension
• Renal stent follow-up

Renal / Kidney Transplant .............................. CPT Code 76775
• ARF (acute renal failure)
• Renal bruit

Pelvis and Scrotum

Pelvic Transabdominal ................................... CPT Code 76856
• Dub (hydronephrotic uterine bleeding)
• Pelvic pain
• IUD (intravenous device) location

Pelvic Transvaginal ..................................... CPT Code 76830
• Pelvic pain
• IUD location

Urinary Tract (UTI) ......................................... CPT Code 76057
• UTI (urinary tract infection)
• Dysuria

Scrotum ...................................................... CPT Code 76870
• Pain (acute or chronic)
• Palpable mass
• Nodule which meets size criteria for biopsy

Scrotum with Doppler ................................. CPT Code 93976
• Acute pain (suspected torsion)
• Scrotitis
• Epididymitis

Groin Doppler Unilateral ............................. CPT Code 76882 and 93926
• Pseudocyst
• Pain

Groin Doppler Bilateral ............................... CPT Code 76882 x 2 and 93926
• Palpable mass
• Groin bruit

Neck and Chest

Thyroid—Gray Scale Only ............................. CPT Code 76536
• Thyroid nodules
• Abnormal thyroid function tests
• Enlargement

Thyroid—Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) Only .... CPT Code 10022 & 76942
• Thyroid nodules
• Difficulty swallowing
• Follow-up from other imaging or previous ultrasound demonstrating a suspicious nodule or an indeterminate nodule which meets size criteria for biopsy

Neck—Other Than Thyroid ............................ CPT Code 76536
• Palpable neck mass
• Follow-up from other imaging

Chest ......................................................... CPT Code 76604
• Palpable chest wall mass

Musculoskeletal

Extremity Complete .................................... CPT Code 76881
• Shoulder pain
• Hip pain
• Wrist or hands for rheumatoid arthritis

Extremity Limited ....................................... CPT Code 76882
• Ganglion cyst
• Palpable mass

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- Gastritis
- Hepatomegaly
- Splenomegaly

- Abdominal wall mass
- Abdominal hernia

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Post-TIPS (transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt)

Pre-TIPS (transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt)

Post-transplant liver Doppler

Pre-transplant liver Doppler

Post-TIPSS (transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt) liver Doppler

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- CRI (chronic renal insufficiency)
- Hematuria
- Kidney stone
- Flank pain
- Follow-up hydronephrosis

Renal Doppler .................................................... CPT Code 93978 and 76775

- Bilateral lower extremity swelling
- IVC thrombosis
- Uncontrolled hypertension
- Renal stent follow-up

Renal / Kidney Transplant ................................. CPT Code 76775

- ARF (acute renal failure)
- Renal transplant

Thyroid—Gray Scale and Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) ........................ CPT Code 76536, 10022 & 76942

- Thyroid nodules
- Abnormal thyroid function tests
- Hashimoto disease
- Thyroiditis
- Difficulty swallowing
- Follow-up from other imaging or previous ultrasound demonstrating a suspicious nodule or an indeterminate nodule which meets size criteria for biopsy

Thyroid—Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) Only .................................................. CPT Code 10022 & 76942

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- Abnormal thyroid function tests
- Hashimoto disease
- Thyroiditis
- Difficulty swallowing
- Follow-up from other imaging or previous ultrasound demonstrating a suspicious nodule or an indeterminate nodule which meets size criteria for biopsy

Urine ………………………………………………………………………………………………. CPT Code 76536

- UTI (urinary tract infection)
- Dysuria
- Polyuria

Nefrology .......................... CPT Code 76532

- Acute renal failure
- Chronic kidney disease
- Renal transplant

Scrotum ………………………………………………………………………………………………. CPT Code 76535

- Pain
- Swelling
- Palpable mass

Scrotal with Doppler .................................................. CPT Code 93976

- Acute pain (suspecting torsion)
- Scrotal mass

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MUSCULOSKELETAL

Extremity Complete .................................................. CPT Code 76881

- Shoulder pain
- Hip pain
- Wrist & hands for rheumatoid arthritis

Extremity Limited .................................................. CPT Code 76882

- Single tendon evaluation
- Muscle evaluation

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