



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: GULF COAST
DHP Classification: DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER
Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

<p>Diagnostic Medical Sonographer: The Diagnostic Medical Sonographer must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility. Additional requirements are defined based on specialty.</p>
<p>Description of Care or Service: Uses special equipment to direct high frequency sound waves into areas of the patient's body for diagnostic evaluation. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates equipment that collects reflected echoes and forms an image that may be videotaped, transmitted or photographed for interpretation and diagnosis by physician • Reviews patient medical history • Explains the procedure to the patient • Positions the patient for exam • Uses sonography equipment to perform diagnostic examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Selects and store images ○ Takes measurements, calculate values, and analyze preliminary findings ○ Adjusts, maintains and cleans sonography equipment • Documents the procedure in the medical record • Maintains and secures patient images and records • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include HCA code of conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices • Mobile imaging centers
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by department director, site manager or designee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indirect supervision by physician or other licensed independent practitioner that defines final study results • Supervision is defined by any limitations in practice that may be addressed by state law <p>Evaluator: Department director, site manager or designee</p>
<p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an accredited ultrasound program recognized by the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography • Current Certification as RDMS (Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer) by the ARDMS (American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography) (Vascular: ARDMS ->RVT, CCI -> RVS, Echo: ARDMS -> RDCS, CCI -> RCS)
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Experience: The Diagnostic Medical Sonographer provides documentation that they have performed at least 25 diagnostic medical sonography studies associated with their specific scope of service that were validated for quality and accuracy of results within the last 12 months.</p>



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Competencies:

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer will demonstrate:

- Safe and effective operation of sonography equipment
 - Consistently obtain quality diagnostic images and measurements
 - Maintains equipment in good working order
- Accurate patient Information review and evaluation
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient’s clinical history, presentation and physician order
 - Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
 - Accesses the patient medical record appropriately
 - Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard/policy
- Appropriate diagnostic examination results
 - Performs the examination to comply with applicable protocols and guidelines
 - Uses scanning techniques as indicated by the examination, according to established facility policy and procedures under state law
 - Notifies the appropriate health provider when immediate treatment is necessary, based on procedural findings and patient conditions
 - Recognizes the need for an urgent report and takes appropriate action
 - Provides a written or oral summary of preliminary findings to the physician
- Infection prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Maintains current immunization for influenza
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

References:

United States Department of Labor U.S. Bureau of Statistics (2011) Dental Assistants; Retrieved from www.bls.gov

DHP Printed Name: _____ **DHP Signature:** _____

Company/Vendor: _____ **Date:** _____