Introduction to Adult Echocardiography

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This program includes a Pre-course Online Video: Imaging Fundamentals – The Basics by Lori Green, BA, RDMS, RDCS, RVT. Login to your GCUS account and navigate to "My Activities" to complete this **prior** to the course.

Monday, May 17th, 2027		
7:45	**Welcome/Continental Breakfast**	
8:00	**Interactive Polling Session**	
8:15	**Anatomy of the Heart and the EKG**	**Christie Jordan, BS, ACS, RDCS, RCS, RCIS, FASE**
9:00	**Break**	
9:10	**The 2D Evaluation of Cardiac Anatomy - The Parasternal Window**	
10:15	**Break**	
10:30	**The 2D Evaluation of Cardiac Anatomy – Apical and Subcostal Windows**	
11:15	**The 2D Evaluation of Cardiac Anatomy- Suprasternal Notch**	
11:30	**Live Demonstration: The Parasternal Long & Short Axis**	
12:00	**Lunch**	
1:00	**Group A: Scan Lab**	**Group B : Main Lecture Room**
	Hand-On Scanning Live Models: 2D Parasternal & Apical Views	**Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: System Optimization Supersternal Notch & Subxyphoid 2D Views**
2:40	**Break & Group Change**	
2:50	**Group A: Main Lecture Room**	**Group B : Scan Lab**
	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: System Optimization Supersternal Notch & Subxyphoid 2D Views	**Hand-On Scanning Live Models: 2D Parasternal & Apical Views**
4:30	**Adjourn**	

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Tuesday, May 18th, 2027			
7:45	Continental Breakfast		
8:00	2D Measurements and Normal Values		Christie Jordan, BS, ACS, RDCS, RCS, RCIS, FASE
9:00	Break		
9:05	Doppler Fundamentals		Steven Walling, BS, ACS, RCS, RDCS, FASE
9:50	Break		
10:05	Introduction to Cardiac Doppler		
10:50	Comprehensive 2D Exam		
11:50	Lunch		
1:00	Group A: Main Lecture Room	Group B : Scan Lab	
	Echo Measurement Workshop Christie Jordan, BS, ACS, RDCS, RCS, RCIS, FASE	Hand-On Scanning Live Models: 2D Measurement & Color	
2:40	Break & Group Change		
2:50	Group A: Scan Lab	Group B : Main Lecture Room	
	Hand-On Scanning Live Models: 2D Measurement & Color	Echo Measurement Workshop Christie Jordan, BS, ACS, RDCS, RCS, RCIS, FASE	
4:30	Adjourn		

Wednesday, May 19th, 2027			
7:45	Continental Breakfast		
8:00	Mitral Valve		Steven Walling, BS, ACS, RCS, RDCS, FASE
9:10	Break		
9:25	Aortic Valve		
10:35	Break		
10:50	Coronary Heart Disease		
12:00	Lunch		
1:00	Group A: Scan Lab	Group B : Main Lecture Room	
	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: M-Mode	Contrast Utilization & Case Studies Steven Walling, BS, ACS, RCS, RDCS, FASE	
2:40	Break & Group Change		
2:50	Group A: Main Lecture Room	Group B : Scan Lab	
	Contrast Utilization & Case Studies Steven Walling, BS, ACS, RCS, RDCS, FASE	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: M-Mode	
4:30	Adjourn		

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Thursday, May 20th, 2027			
7:45	Continental Breakfast		
8:00	Doppler Evaluation of MVD		Daniel Bourque, MS, ACS, RCS, FASE
9:30	Stretch Break		
9:35	Doppler Evaluation of AVD		
11:00	Break		
11:10	Right Heart Disease		
12:15	Lunch		
1:00	Group A: Main Lecture Room	Group B : Scan Lab	
	Interpretation Workshop Daniel Bourque, MS, ACS, RCS, FASE	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: Doppler	
2:40	Break & Change Groups		
2:50	Group A: Scan Lab	Group B : Main Lecture Room	
	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: Doppler	Interpretation Workshop Daniel Bourque, MS, ACS, RCS, FASE	
4:30	Adjourn		

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Friday, May 21st, 2027			
7:30	Continental Breakfast		
7:45	Cardiomyopathies		Daniel Bourque, MS, ACS, RCS, FASE
9:15	Break		
9:25	Prosthetic Valves		
10:10	Break		
10:20	Diastolic Function		
11:00	Pericardial Disease		
11:45	Interactive Polling Session with Discussion		
12:00	Lunch		
1:00	Group A: Scan Lab	Group B : Main Lecture Room	
	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: Routine Protocol	Complete Echo Demonstration Right Parasternal & SSN Pedoff Doppler Workshop	
2:40	Break & Change Groups		
2:50	Group A: Main Lecture Room	Group B : Scan Lab	
	Complete Echo Demonstration Right Parasternal & SSN Pedoff Doppler Workshop	Hands-On Scanning with Live Models: Routine Protocol	
4:30	Adjourn		

** This is a tentative course itinerary. Lecture faculty, times and dates may be subject to change.

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The Gulfcoast Ultrasound Institute designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 40.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 40.0 Medical Knowledge MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

The Gulfcoast Ultrasound Institute designates an additional 1.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for the enduring educational activity "Imaging Fundamentals – The Basics"*.* Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activity.

This course also meets CME / CEU requirements for ARDMS. Note: While offering the CME credit hours noted above, activities are not intended to provide extensive training or certification for exam performance or interpretation.

NEEDS STATEMENT:
The planning committee has determined a need for the following educational activity based on request from the medical community, expanded utilization of ultrasound, and lab accreditation requirements.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
At the completion of the program the participant should be able to:

1. Increase the participant's knowledge to better perform and/or interpret Echocardiography examinations.
2. Demonstrate proper transducer manipulation and system optimization to produce diagnostic images (sonographer) and recognize potential imaging errors (Physician).
3. Demonstrate routine scan protocols to evaluate an adult patient using 2D/M-Mode/Color Flow & Doppler echocardiographic techniques.
4. Perform standard 2D, M-Mode and Doppler measurements
5. Identify normal/abnormal characteristics of 2D cardiac anatomy.
6. State the role of cardiac Doppler and list the necessary qualitative/quantitative measurements.
7. Identify the ultrasound findings associated with valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathies, ischemic heart disease, pericardial disease, and prosthetic valves.
8. List the latest imaging techniques in quantification of right and left ventricle wall motion.
9. List the steps necessary for system optimization during contrast echo imaging.
10. Increase confidence to incorporate protocols, techniques & interpretation criteria to improve diagnostic/treatment accuracy.

While offering CME credit this activity is not intended to provide extensive training or certification for interpretation of Cardiac Ultrasound Examinations. We recommend working under supervised conditions until an accepted level of proficiency has been achieved.

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Welcome!!

The entire staff at Gulfcoast Ultrasound Institute would like to welcome you to our educational facility.

Our goal is to provide the highest quality continuing education possible in a relaxed and personal atmosphere. The content of each program has been carefully planned to provide you with the information needed to obtain a firm foundation to begin gaining the experience to perform and/or interpret ultrasound examinations in the specialty of your choice. The program will be structured with lectures in the morning and hands-on sessions during the afternoon. To allow more individualized attention, the program participants will be divided into groups for the hands-on workshops based on your experience level and type of equipment you work with.

To help you get the most out of this program we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Attend the lectures and scheduled hands-on sessions.

2. When you are not involved in a scheduled afternoon session, take advantage of the SUPPLEMENTAL SCANNING WORKSHOP or check out a DVD from our library.

3. If you do not understand a particular concept, ASK FOR HELP!

4. Study your course workbook during the evening.

5. Remember excellence is not achieved overnight. Becoming proficient in any ultrasound specialty requires the commitment to continually study and perform multiple (at least 100) exams before an initial level of confidence is achieved. The AIUM guidelines suggest competency for interpretation requires a minimum of 500 exams per specialty.

6. Begin scanning immediately upon return to the ultrasound departments even if it's on a volunteer. We recommend scanning/interpretations under supervised conditions until an accepted level of proficiency has been obtained.

All of our instructors, guest speakers and office staff are here to serve you! If you have any questions of any kind, please do not hesitate to ask.

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EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Since 1985, Gulfcoast Ultrasound Institute has taken great pride in our ability to provide quality continuing education programs while remaining unbiased regarding the recommendation of ultrasound equipment.

Our programs are supported by most of the major equipment manufactures by providing their systems for use during the hands-on sessions. These companies have learned their products will be used and demonstrated to the best of our abilities in an educational setting and that no selling or promotion is done on our premises.

We realize that some of the course participants may currently be in the process of evaluating equipment for purchase and would like the opinions of our staff to determine the “best” system for your department. Everyone has a “favorite” ultrasound system (usually because it is the one they have worked with the most and are comfortable with) however, Gulfcoast Ultrasound must take an unbiased position in regards to equipment recommendations.

If you are currently evaluating equipment for purchase we suggest you invite the equipment manufacturers to your facility for a private demonstration to determine image quality, ease of use, over-all capabilities etc. on an individual basis.

Thank you!

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