

Guidelines for scan demonstrations

Safety and Bio Effects Committee, ISUOG

The listed guidelines relate to live scanning during the 33rd World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

1. No scan demonstration of obstetric or gynecological models/subjects is permitted on the exhibition booths at any time during the Congress.
2. Scan demonstration activities are limited to demonstration sessions within the scientific program and designated scanning rooms. Sponsors are required to have pre-booked this activity.
3. Non-obstetric/gynecological scanning may on occasion be permitted on the exhibition booths but only with the express approval of this Committee in advance.
4. All models/subjects will have had an official ultrasound exam in the recent past (last 2–4 months).
5. It must be made clear to models/subjects that this is a limited, non-diagnostic scan. Since there is no medical indication for the scan or diagnosis, no report will be generated.
6. Clinicians performing scans must check with all models/subjects before their scan whether they would/would not like any information about their pregnancy to be revealed (e.g. gender of baby).
7. Exposure will be limited to a maximum of 20 minutes per scan demonstration.
8. ALARA will be observed, maintaining minimal acoustic outputs suitable for diagnostic imaging.
9. First trimester pregnant models/subjects are not recommended.
10. Colour/spectral Doppler are not recommended in pregnant models/subjects.
11. Models/subjects will sign a form (“informed consent”) specifying the non-diagnostic nature of the scan, the fact they are volunteering, as part of an educational situation and that ISUOG or examiners acting on ISUOG behalf will not be held responsible for adverse outcome.
12. For any scan demonstrations taking place in private rooms such as hospitality suites, exhibitors must make their own arrangements to obtain consent from their models.