



College Statement

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The Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists are committed to ensuring the maintenance of the highest standard of medical care for pregnant women.

Diagnostic medical ultrasound technology offers enormous benefits in terms of the provision of useful diagnostic information so that pregnancy may be better assessed and managed, with optimum outcomes for mothers and babies achieved.

The use of diagnostic medical ultrasound equipment requires regulation such that its primary use is for the purpose of medical diagnosis. Such regulation should require that the diagnostic ultrasound equipment usage be restricted to appropriately qualified health care professionals.

Usage of such equipment should conform to the guidelines produced by the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine.

We urge that appropriate regulation regarding the sale, distribution and use of diagnostic ultrasound equipment be formulated with a view to ensuring that this technology continues to assist clinicians in the management of pregnancy, thereby optimizing outcome for mothers and babies.

Useful website links

ASUM <http://www.asum.com.au/open/home.htm>

(Scroll down to 'Non-diagnostic applications' and select 'F1 *Statement on the appropriate use of diagnostic ultrasound equipment for non-medical entertainment ultrasound*'.)

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