



OUTPATIENT ULTRASOUND REFERRING VETERINARIAN INFORMATION

General information:

- Outpatient ultrasounds are **ONLY** appropriate for stable, non-emergent cases
 - ⇒ If patients arrive and have become unstable, they will be transferred to Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners or Internal Medicine for stabilization
- Biopsies are not performed on an outpatient basis – these cases must be referred to Internal Medicine (fine needle aspirates can be performed if abnormalities are identified)
- Please discuss the information provided on the following page with your client prior to the ultrasound
- Please feel free to call with any questions

Prior to ultrasound appointment:

- The doctor or your client should call Radiology to discuss the case, schedule an ultrasound appointment, and discuss costs – a DVMS radiology technician will speak with you to make sure the referral for outpatient ultrasound is appropriate and all pertinent information is gathered
- Please fax a referral form (available on our website dvmspecialists.com) with the patient's medical records to **480.892.0540** or email internalmed@dvmspecialists.com
 - ⇒ Please provide pertinent history, including any prior surgeries – especially if organs have been removed (i.e., spleen, kidneys...) and labwork
 - ⇒ Radiographs and prior ultrasounds of specific areas of concern can be sent with your client or emailed to internalmed@dvmspecialists.com prior to the day of their appointment
- Please provide a number where you can be reached on the day of the exam, or an alternate contact DVM in your clinic, if you will not be in the office the day of the appointment
- The pet owner, or another person above the age of 18, who is authorized by the owner to make immediate CPR, diagnostic, and financial decisions, must be present at the appointment

Day of appointment:

- Every effort will be made to adhere to scheduled appointment times, but emergency ultrasounds may need to be performed first
- Clients are not allowed in the ultrasound room for legal reasons – we apologize for any inconvenience
- The radiologist will call you with results immediately after the ultrasound and fax a full report and copy of the client's discharge instructions by the end of the day
- The radiologist makes every effort to discuss results with the client after relaying results to you, so that you and your client can make treatment decisions together
- In case you are not available for consultation, please provide a cell phone or alternate DVM to speak with the radiologist and/or your owner to decide any necessary and immediate next steps
- If aspirates are obtained, the results will be faxed from the lab to your clinic in 1-2 business days to allow you to discuss the results with your client and determine a treatment plan
- If transfer to another specialist is recommended, we will facilitate that transfer with your approval