## resource review

## Pediatric Ultrasound -A Practical Guide

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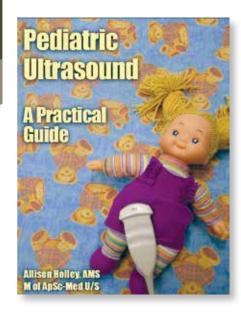
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Having been impressed with Allison's prior version of this book entitled The How, When and Why of Paediatric Ultrasound - A Sonographer's Guide (1997), I was eager to read her updated text.

Very well organised chapters make it easy to navigate through the book, which has evolved from the earlier version and is now a substantially more comprehensive text. I think it reflects the greater experience of the author, and the effort she has put into this book. She has added a literature review at the end of each chapter to support the information presented, and this provides a resource for further learning.

The first chapter on dealing with the paediatric patient and their parents is a nice touch with some very helpful hints. Thereafter the chapters are arranged predominantly by the type of examination the sonographer would perform i.e. cranium, abdomen, etc., ... It was refreshing to see that Allison felt that pylorus, the midgut and intussusception were important enough examinations to receive their own chapters. Within each chapter Allison outlines the specific patient preparation for various ages, contraindications, recommended transducer selection and anatomical structures covered by the procedure. She also discusses various scanning techniques for each area, and which images should be documented to best represent pathology. Normal reference measurements are provided and there are some suggestions for optional views which may be of value.



Throughout the book, there are sonographic images, with each having corresponding line drawings. All the relevant sonographic anatomy and pathology are clearly labelled. The functionality of an eBook will be very appealing to younger users and I think it will definitely enhance the learning experience.

In summary, the book is very well written and its simple layout makes it easy to find information. This book is a very good resource for students and general sonographers who want to learn more about paediatric sonography.



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