

The POCUS Clinical Certifications are comprised of two assessments: a Clinical Case Based Assessment and a Peer Evaluation. Specialty Certifications include the two assessments plus Clinical Video Submissions.

Clinical Case Assessment

The clinical Case-Based assessments are designed to simulate a clinical encounter. They are scenario based exams with question types ranging from multiple choice to hotspots. The questions are designed to assess the following:

12%	Standard POCUS Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarity with normal exploration paths Recognition of when patient condition or presentation requires deviations from the normal exploration paths Identification of regions or basic POCUS views described in consensus documents or protocols
35%	Anatomical Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to recognize and identify various anatomical features in M-mode and 2D/ B-mode images, color Doppler, spectral Doppler
47%	Sonographic Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of common sonographic artifacts or measurements Ability to identify artifacts that may aid in diagnosis Recognition of sonographic patterns and their implications for diagnosis
6%	Cardiac Pathologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of common pathologies and conditions identified through Cardiac POCUS (including but not limited to: Right Heart Strain or A Pulmonary Embolism, Cardiomyopathy, Pericardial Effusion, Pleural Effusion, Tamponade, Decompensated Systolic Heart Failure, Hypovolemia, Severe Acute Valvular Disease, Cardiac Standstill, Aortic Root Abnormalities, Large Thrombus, Systolic Heart Failure) Must comprehend that it is sometimes not possible to get a diagnosis and recognize when this is the case Must know how to determine or confirm a diagnosis using created images Ability to comprehensively consider all case information (images, patient presentation, labs, etc.) to determine an initial diagnosis

Peer Evaluation

The Peer Evaluation is designed to assess your practical abilities in Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS). Clinicians of your choosing will be sent an anonymous questionnaire to evaluate your POCUS abilities. Assessment results are based on the first two evaluations received. Peer Evaluators will evaluate on the following criteria which will be evenly weighted:

<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">1 Diagnostic Quality</div> <p>Ability to obtain images of diagnostic quality</p>	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">2 Gain</div> <p>Demonstrate proficient use of gain settings</p>	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">3 Depth</div> <p>Demonstrate appropriate use of depth setting and center the area of interest on the screen</p>
<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">4 Views</div> <p>Demonstrate proper transducer placement</p>	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">5 Pathology</div> <p>Acquired and interpreted Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) images related to most common Cardiac pathologies for which POCUS is appropriate</p>	

Clinical Video Submission

The Clinical Video Submission is designed to assess your ability to acquire POCUS scans. When enrolled in a Specialty Certification that includes this content area, you will be required to upload HIPAA compliant Abdominal Trauma media. The submitted videos (one normal and one with correctly identified pathology) will be evaluated by clinical reviews based on POCUS protocols and criteria listed below:

1 Pathology Identified	2 Color Doppler (if applicable)	3 Depth	4 Diagnostic Quality
5 Gain	6 On-Axis	7 Transducer Use	8 Ultrasound Machine Preset Use
9 Views			