



**Name of Policy:** Ultrasound Positive Findings  
**Scope:** South Georgia Radiology Associates  
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New Policy Proposal \_\_\_\_\_  
Major Revision of Policy \_\_\_\_\_

Minor/Technical Revision of Existing Policy \_\_\_\_\_  
Reaffirmation of Existing Policy   X  

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**POLICY:** It is the policy of South Georgia Radiology Associates that Ultrasound (US) Technologists will contact the Radiologist on call directly or the Clinical support staff at SGRA regarding critical finds during daytime and on call hours.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose is to ensure the Radiologist is aware of a potential critical finding in a timely manner.

**SCOPE:** This policy applies to all Ultrasound personnel at each facility serviced by the medical staff of South Georgia Radiology Associates.

**PROCEDURE:** The Ultrasound technologist will contact the Radiologist or SGRA clinical support for the suspected positive critical finding. The reading Radiologist will determine the finding and proceed with the appropriate communication of results as necessary.

Ultrasound technologists will notify the Radiologist on suspected positive critical findings for the following exams:

- Testicular torsion
- Ovarian torsion
- Ectopic pregnancy
- Placental abruption
- Fetal demise
- Appendicitis
- Deep vein thrombus (DVT)
- Arterial duplex with complete occlusion

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