

Policy Title:	PERFORMING ULTRASOUNDS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES OR AS A KEEPSAKE		
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PURPOSE:

To clarify that all obstetrical ultrasounds will only be performed only for clinical indications. To comply with the 2005 California Health and Safety Code Section 123620, a person or facility that offers fetal ultrasound, or a similar procedure, for keepsake or entertainment purposes, shall disclose to a client prior to performing the procedure, in writing, the following statement:

"The federal Food and Drug Administration has determined that the use of medical ultrasound equipment for other than medical purposes, or without a physician's prescription, is an unapproved use."

DEFINITION(S):

Ultrasound - The diagnostic or therapeutic medical procedure which forms a two-dimensional image with high frequency sound waves, to produce images, or sonograms, of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body.

POLICY:

Obstetrical ultrasounds will only be done for clinical indications. They will not be performed for entertainment purposes or as a keepsake.

PROCEDURE:

Any and all obstetrical ultrasounds will be performed only for clinical indications and medical management. They will not be done for any entertainment purpose. If requested, the patient may be given a photograph of the fetus or, if a DVD or videotape is provided by the patient, a brief portion of the examination will be copied and given to the patient.

ATTACHMENTS/FORMS:

None

REFERENCE(S)/AUTHORITY:

2005 California Health and Safety Code Section 123620

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