

External clinical assessment proforma

NAAASP external clinical assessment record

(trainee technicians must be assessed scanning four individuals, a minimum of two must be aneurysmal)

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Feedback on management of the examination:

Developed good rapport with patient, effective rigorous ID + consent process as well as results

Be wary of phrase whole aorta - remember only abdominal portion has been examined so if patient says this, clarify.

Good ability dealing w/ questions, anxious patient - good :)

Feedback on appropriate use of equipment and imaging:

Demonstrated good understanding of controls; how and why to optimise imaging

Aware of effect of harmonics on other settings + frame rate
↳ adjust harmonics then other settings

For even better resolution + precision AAA measurement, can try using two foci and/or zoom function

Feedback on sonographic technique

Good hand-eye skills, manipulating probe to obtain high quality orthogonal images

Habit of doing brief double check at end of scan - shows reassuring attitude of rigour, however must always know when you are sure. If on double check part of the not seen is exam complete? If so what is purpose of the repeat look - not wrong but be aware of own thinking/heuristic at play. Overall impression of skilled, competent, rigorous technician came through: good work!

Feedback on understanding of key principles

Prerequisite theoretical knowledge there and shown to be applied properly

Focus on maintenance skill but also progression - think about less common full appearances, difficult to measure aneurysms etc. CST great resource to support this as are clinical lead and attendance at A&T; this also good way compare measurements vs. CT scans

The student performed this assessment at competency level (1-5)

Internal CST: (signed) (printed)

External CST: (signed) (printed)

If the student has not achieved level 4/5 they should retake the external assessment following a period of additional support and training. This should be a minimum of six weeks.

Note that this is not a certificate of qualification in ultrasound scanning