

## **Useful tips for ordering Abdominal Ultrasounds**

Abdominal Ultrasound exams are either upper or pelvic and orders must be clear which is requested. It is imperative that the clinical history match the body part.

## **UPPER ABDOMEN COMPLETE** (76700) INCLUDES THE:

- LIVER
- KIDNEYS
- GB, BILE DUCTS
- PANCREAS
- SPLEEN
- ABDOMINAL AORTA
- IVC

## RENAL ULTRASOUND EXAMS (76770) ARE FOCUSED ON

- KIDNEYS
- PROXIMAL URETERS
- AND INCLUDES THE URINARY BLADDER FOR URETERAL JETS

IF POST VOID RESIDUAL BLADDER IS NEEDED ORDER SPECIFICALLY (76856 **BLADDER PV**)

ELEMENTS OF COMPLETE **MALE PELVIC** EXAM (76856) INCLUDE EVALUATION AND MEASUREMENT (WHEN APPLICABLE) OF THE

- BLADDER –PV RESIDUAL NOT INCLUDED
- PROSTATE
- SEMINAL VESICLES TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE VISUALIZED TRANSABDOMINALLY
- PELVIC PATHOLOGY E.G., BLADDER TUMOR, ENLARGED PROSTATE, FREE PELVIC FLUID, PELVIC ABSCESS.

ELEMENTS OF A COMPLETE **FEMALE PELVIC** EXAM (76856 AND 76830) TRANSABDOMINAL AND/OR ENDOVAGINAL INCLUDES

- DESCRIPTION AND MEASUREMENT OF THE UTERUS AND ADNEXAL STRUCTURES/OVARIES
- ENDOMETRIUM
- BLADDER
- ANY PELVIC PATHOLOGY E.G., OVARIAN CYSTS, UTERINE LEIOMYOMATA.FREE FLUID.

**HERNIA EXAMS** (76705) LIMITED TO SITE ONLY. NO OTHER ABDOMINAL ORGANS INCLUDED. WE DO NOT SCAN FOR HERNIA AS PART OF OUR ABDOMEN COMPLETE EXAM. IT MUST BE ORDERED.

**APPENDIX**: DUE TO GREAT DIAGNOSTIC VARIABILTY IT IS OFTEN REQUIRED THAT A CT BE PERFORMED FOLLOWING AN EQUIVOCAL US EXAM.

CURRENTLY WE ARE PERORMING APPENDIX US ONLY AFER A RADIOLOGIST SPEAKS TO THE REFERRING PHYSICIAN.