

Important Information for Ultrasound Referral

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Routine Ultrasound Referral:

Typically, ultrasound is performed on a non-emergency basis, and the results are communicated to the referring veterinarian in 1-2 business days. The referring veterinarian continues to act as supervising veterinarian for all aspects of patient care and client communication. All ultrasound images are sent via telemedicine for review by a boarded radiologist, and the case details are sent to an internal medicine specialist for consultation.

Emergency / Urgent Ultrasound Referral:

Occasionally, however, urgent ultrasound results are needed. Unfortunately, same-day telemedicine consultation results cannot be guaranteed for patients arriving at AMC after 10 AM. All requests for same-day results require a separate telemedicine STAT fee of approximately \$25, regardless of the time of patient arrival. AMC will make every effort to accommodate same-day results requests for patients arriving after 10 AM, however all such requests must be accompanied by the referring veterinarian's after-hours (including lunchtime) contact information. The referring veterinarian is also required to speak via phone with an AMC veterinarian prior to any emergency ultrasound referral.

Communication of Results:

The referring veterinarian is responsible for communication of findings and treatment options to the client. If the referring veterinarian wishes AMC to communicate findings and treatment options to the client, a consultation fee of approximately \$50 will apply.

Client Instructions and Expectations:

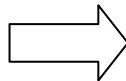
Clipping of fur on the ventral abdomen and/or thorax should be expected. Patients should be fasted for 12 hours prior to ultrasound. Water is allowed until the time of drop-off.

Diagnostics Prior to Referral:

3-view thoracic radiographs and 2-view abdominal radiographs are recommended in all cases prior to ultrasound. These radiographs can be performed prior to referral, or here at AMC. The cost of radiographs at AMC is approximately \$130. Radiographs must be sent with the patient at the time of referral so that they can be sent out for telemedicine. Plain film radiographs cannot be submitted for telemedicine. Digital radiographs are required for submission.

A complete minimum database, including CBC, chemistry and urinalysis, is recommended in all cases prior to ultrasound referral.

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Ultrasound Referral Form

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Patient: _____ Owner: _____
Species: _____ DOB: _____ Breed: _____
Sex: _____ Color/Markings: _____
Vaccination History: _____

Type of Ultrasound (circle one): Abdominal Cardiac

Medical History (please be as detailed as possible/ attach separate document if needed):

Current Medications and Doses (please be as detailed as possible):

Level of Urgency (circle one): Routine (1-2 business days) Emergency/Urgent* (same-day results)

Referring DVM's Name: _____
Hospital: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
After-Hours Contact: _____

Communication Preference: Who will communicate results and options to owner? (circle one):
Referring Veterinarian AMC Veterinarian *

Diagnostics Already Performed (circle all that apply):
CBC Chemistry Radiographs Urinalysis Pancreatitis Test Urine Culture

*** Additional fees apply to these options.**

Please send all bloodwork, radiographs (with orthogonal views) and other diagnostics along with this form. Please e-mail or fax the information ahead of time if possible. Also, send a copy with the owner on the day of the pet's appointment. All patients must be fasted for 12 hours prior to ultrasound. Failure to provide a history and necessary information, or failure to fast the patient, may result in delays for your client and possibly cancellation of their appointment.