

Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia (USGRA) Case Submission Requirements



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Use the chart below to determine the required number of case studies your practice must submit. In practices with multiple sites, case studies must be submitted from each site. The number of cases submitted is dependent on the number of providers at each site.

Cases must follow the AIUM Practice Parameter for [Selected Ultrasound-Guided Procedures](#).

For <i>each site</i> with ____ (#) of physicians <small>(include only physicians/clinical providers who perform USGRA)</small>	Submit ____ (#) of cases <u>per site</u>
5 or fewer	4 cases per site
6 - 8	6 cases per site
9 - 15	8 cases per site
16 - 25	10 cases per site
25 - 34	12 cases per site
> 35	15 cases per site

**All cases must follow the
General Requirements for the Submission of Case Studies
(<http://www.aium.org/accreditation/genecasereq.pdf>)**

Note:

Cases submitted for each site must be performed by a representative sample of physicians/clinical providers within your practice.

- You cannot submit two cases from a single physician/clinical provider unless all physicians/clinical providers have been represented at least once.

For the purpose of accreditation, each USGRA case:

- must consist of images of the region PRE injection, DURING injection (**labeled image of needle tip/shaft required**), and POST injection with a corresponding final report – see page 2 for detailed imaging checklist
- all images must be appropriately labeled with injection site and relevant side.

USGRA Imaging Checklist

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<i>Final Report:</i>
Report must include all documentation as outlined in section V. Reporting of Ultrasound-Guided Procedures (pages 3-4) of the AIUM Parameter for Documentation of an Ultrasound Examination: http://www.aium.org/resources/guidelines/documentation.pdf
<i>Procedure:</i>
1. All images must show date of procedure
2. Labeled image of procedure site <u>PRE</u> injection
3. Labeled image(s) of procedure site <u>DURING</u> injection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in-plane injections (encouraged) - needle shaft and tip must be seen and labeled• if out-of-plane injections are submitted, the needle tip must be labeled for clarity
4. Image of needle is consistent with the description in the report
5. Labeled image of procedure site <u>POST</u> injection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• post injection image must demonstrate injectate in the correct location (i.e. joint distention, fluid in the target structure, etc.)