



# AIUM SoundWaves

Newsletter of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine

## FDA Officials Meet With the AIUM *Re: Ultrasound for Entertainment Purposes*

As a direct result of the AIUM's strong opposition to the use of ultrasound for entertainment purposes, several practices have notified us that they will stop providing nonmedical examinations to their patients. The AIUM encourages other practices that may be engaging in the inappropriate use of ultrasound (performing examinations solely to produce keep-sake videos or for determining fetal sex) to act responsibly and discontinue entertainment ultrasound sessions.

On December 10, 2002, representatives from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) came to the AIUM office in Laurel, Maryland, to meet with AIUM President Alfred B. Kurtz, MD; AIUM Chief Executive Officer Carmine M. Valente, PhD, CAE; and other AIUM staff members to discuss shared concerns about the use of ultrasound for entertainment purposes and ways in which the AIUM and FDA can work together to promote the safe and appropriate use of ultrasound.

Among items of discussion were education and outreach, enforcement strategies, the role of ultrasound manufacturers, and the creation of a coordinated message from ultrasound organizations and the FDA.



L to R:  
Paula Woletz, RDMS, RDCS, MPH, AIUM Director of Accreditation;  
Carmine Valente, PhD, CAE, AIUM Chief Executive Officer;  
Kimber Richter, MD, FDA Deputy Director for Medical Affairs, Office of Compliance;  
Tom Jakub, FDA Branch Chief, Diagnostic Devices Branch, Division of Enforcement B, Office of Compliance;  
AIUM President Alfred Kurtz, MD; and  
William Maloney, FDA Physicist, Diagnostic Devices Branch, Division of Enforcement I.

The meeting resulted with the FDA and the AIUM gaining a better understanding of how they can work together toward mutual public safety goals. The AIUM and the FDA are planning to meet again in late January or early February 2003, to further discuss plans regarding the use of ultrasound for entertainment.



## Ultrasound Awareness Month Sonographers at Laurel Regional Hospital in Maryland Celebrated Ultrasound Awareness Month (UAM)

Staff members from the Imaging Services Department at Laurel Regional Hospital sport UAM T-shirts. (L to R: Teresa Roth, Sandra Robinson, Marie Duval, and Johalee Blankenship.)



An information booth about ultrasound was set up in the lobby of Laurel Regional Hospital in Maryland.

If you celebrated UAM and would like to share your photographs and activity descriptions in SoundWaves, please send them to Stacey Wagner, public relations coordinator, at <swagner@aium.org>, or to AIUM, 14750 Sweitzer Lane, Suite 100, Laurel, MD 20707.

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# WFUMB/AIUM 2003 Precongress Course

## The Developing Fetus: First and Second Trimesters

### May 31–June 1, 2003



*The Developing Fetus: First and Second Trimesters* is just 1 of the 5 different precongress opportunities offered on May 31–June 1, 2003, the weekend immediately prior to the 10th Congress of the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) Congress, hosted by the AIUM in Montréal, Canada.

This 1½-day course will cover all parts of the anatomic survey, with particular attention to current issues in obstetrical sonography, such as the genetic sonogram, nuchal translucency, borderline findings, and the early anatomic survey.

For information on the other 4 precongress opportunities available: (1) Journée Francophone d'Echographie, (2) Abdominal Sonography With Doppler Applications, (3) Bread-and-Butter Pediatric Sonography, and (4) the 7th Congress of the World Federation of Sonographers, visit the AIUM website at <[www.aium.org](http://www.aium.org)>, or contact Brenda Kinney, professional development coordinator, at 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352 or <[bkinney@aium.org](mailto:bkinney@aium.org)>.

#### DAY 1—SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2003

<b>Failing IUP</b> <i>Steven R. Goldstein, MD</i>	8:05 am–8:35 am
<b>Ectopic Pregnancy</b> <i>Mary C. Frates, MD</i>	8:35 am–9:05 am
<b>Sonoembryology</b> <i>Ilan E. Timor, MD</i>	9:05 am–9:45 am
<b>The Early Anatomic Survey (11–14 weeks)</b> <i>Ana Monteagudo, MD</i>	10:10 am–10:50 am
<b>The Genetic Sonogram</b> <i>Anthony M. Vintzileos, MD</i>	10:50 am–11:30 am
<b>Questions and Answers</b>	11:30 am–11:50 am
<b>Borderline Findings in the Fetus</b> <i>Peter M. Doubilet, MD, PhD</i>	1:00 pm–1:40 pm

<b>Borderline Ventriculomegaly and Asymmetric Ventricles</b> <i>Gianluigi Pilu, MD</i>	1:40 pm–2:20 pm
<b>The Fetal Spine</b> <i>Beverly G. Coleman, MD</i>	2:20 pm–3:00 pm
<b>Prenatal Evaluation of the Fetal Face</b> <i>Beryl R. Benacerraf, MD</i>	3:20 pm–3:50 pm
<b>Cardiac Exam (Normal and Abnormal)</b> <i>Alfred Z. Abuhamad, MD</i>	3:50 pm–4:30 pm
<b>Understanding Risks: What I Tell Patients</b> <i>Harris J. Finberg, MD</i>	4:30 pm–5:10 pm

#### DAY 2—SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2003

<b>The Thorax: Noncardiac Conditions</b> <i>Carol B. Benson, MD</i>	8:05 am–8:45 am
<b>Gastrointestinal Tract and Abdominal Wall Defects</b> <i>Mary C. Frates, MD</i>	8:45 am–9:25 am
<b>Genitourinary—Obstructive</b> <i>Roy A. Filly, MD</i>	9:25 am–10:05 am
<b>Genitourinary—Non-Obstructive</b> <i>Roy A. Filly, MD</i>	10:25 am–11:05 am
<b>Lethal and Nonlethal Skeletal Conditions</b> <i>Roberto J. Romero, MD</i>	11:05 am–11:45 am

## 2 Reasons to Register Early!

1. Save money—register before January 30, 2003, for significant savings.
2. Secure hotel accommodations—2 hotels are already sold out. (Holiday Inn Select Montréal Centre-Ville and Hotel Inter-Continental Montréal).

WFUMB/AIUM 2003 Precongress & Congress  
May 31–June 4, 2003  
Le Palais des Congrès de Montréal  
Montréal, Canada

Don't delay, visit <[www.aium.org](http://www.aium.org)> to register.

## Don't Forget To Vote For Your Future AIUM Leaders

You have only until January 31!



Visit the AIUM website at <[www.aium.org](http://www.aium.org)> to view a bio-sketch and photograph of the 2003 officer and Board of Governor candidates and cast

your vote. To request a paper copy of the 2003 election ballot, call 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352, or e-mail Glynis Harvey, director of MIS and committees, at <[ggharvey@aium.org](mailto:ggharvey@aium.org)>.

## AIUM "Getting Started" Accreditation Workshop Now Available on Video



The AIUM "Getting Started" Ultrasound Practice Accreditation workshops have traditionally been offered at various locations throughout the year. The AIUM realizes that not everyone interested in becoming accredited is able to attend a workshop. To make it more convenient for these practices, the "Getting Started" workshop is now available on videotape.

The video explains how ultrasound practice accreditation offers physicians and sonographers an opportunity to evaluate their policies, procedures, and scanning protocols, and compare them with nationally accepted standards. It further explains how a practice can gauge its strengths and weaknesses and initiate changes if necessary.

After watching the "Getting Started" video, viewers should

- ◆ Recognize the importance of ultrasound practice accreditation as it affects patients, referring physicians, and third-party payers;
- ◆ Understand the AIUM standards for the performance of ultrasound examinations;
- ◆ Be familiar with all the sections of the accreditation application;
- ◆ Understand the criteria for case study submissions; and
- ◆ Be prepared to complete the AIUM ultrasound practice accreditation application.

If you are you interested in applying for ultrasound practice accreditation, then this video is for you. Paula Woletz, RDMS, RDCS, MPH, director of accreditation and presenter of the workshop, will answer all of your questions about ultrasound practice accreditation as well as walk you through the accreditation application.

Viewers of the "Getting Started" Ultrasound Practice Accreditation video are eligible to earn up to 2 AMA/PRA category 1 credits. The cost of the video is \$50 if ordered along with the accreditation application, and \$60 if ordered alone. To order, contact LuAnn Coelho, fulfillment coordinator, at 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352.

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The AIUM designates this continuing medical education activity, the "Getting Started" Workshop video, for up to 2.0 credit hours in category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) of the American Medical Association (AMA). Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she has actually spent in the activity.

All faculty participating in AIUM continuing medical education programs are expected to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentation(s). Full disclosure of faculty relationship will be made on the video.

Sonographers may use credits earned at this course for the purpose of American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) recertification. ARDMS accepts AMA PRA category 1 credits.

## AIUM Releases New Doppler Ultrasound Publication

The AIUM recently released the second edition of *Performance Criteria and Measurements for Doppler Ultrasound Devices: Technical Discussion*.

Intended as a source of advice for users of clinical ultrasound, *Performance Criteria and Measurements for Doppler Ultrasound Devices: Technical Discussion* (second edition) discusses major factors determining the performance of Doppler instruments and reviews those objective test methods currently available to the user. In this updated text, new technologies and concepts, such as power Doppler and ultrasound contrast agents have been included to aid and inform the Doppler ultrasound community.

*Performance Criteria and Measurements for Doppler Ultrasound Devices: Technical Discussion* (second edition), is divided into 6 sections: (1) Performance Standards for Doppler Devices; (2) Performance Criteria for Doppler Devices; (3) Performance Testing; (4) Doppler Test Objects; (5) Glossary of Doppler Terms; and (6) References.

The document addresses the following questions that the prospective Doppler ultrasound user might have:

- ◆ What performance should be expected of a Doppler System?
- ◆ How should the performance of Doppler devices be judged?
- ◆ What procedures are available to test the performance of Doppler systems?
- ◆ Which procedures should be carried out on a regular basis to ensure that a machine in clinical use is giving its best performance?
- ◆ Can test objects or phantoms help teach Doppler ultrasound operators as well as evaluate Doppler systems?

*Performance Criteria and Measurements for Doppler Ultrasound Devices: Technical Discussion* (second edition) is available to AIUM members for \$17.95 and to non-members for \$35.95.

To order, contact LuAnn Coelho, AIUM fulfillment coordinator, at 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352, or see the insert included with this issue.

## AHRQ Offering Free Electronic Newsletter

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is now publishing a free electronic newsletter. Issued periodically as news warrants, it describes the results of AHRQ-funded studies, announces new print and electronic resources, and updates the status of current funding opportunities.

To sign up for AHRQ's free electronic newsletter, simply send an e-mail message

to <listserv@list.ahrq.gov>. Type "subscribe" in the subject line, and in the body of the message type "sub public\_list-L" and your full name. You will then receive an e-mail confirmation that you have successfully subscribed. Contact Howard Holland in AHRQ's public affairs office at <hholland@ahrq.gov> if you have any questions.

# New and Revised Ultrasound Codes Issued in 2003 CPT Manual

The 2003 *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) manual, produced by the American Medical Association, has new and revised codes for ultrasound services (see right).

In addition to preparing an annual update of CPT, the AMA provides several additional resources on CPT, including *CPT Assistant*, a monthly newsletter; *CPT Changes 2002: An Insider's View*, an annual publication explaining the intent and use of new/revised procedures/services; *CPT Principles of Coding*, an educational primer covering the basic concepts of CPT coding; CPT Information Services, a telephone service that provides users with expert advice on code use; and an annual CPT coding symposium. For more information visit the AMA website at <www.ama-assn.org>.

The following obstetric ultrasound codes have been updated in the 2003 CPT manual:<sup>1</sup>

Code	Description	
76801	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (<14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal, single or first gestation	76812
76802	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (<14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal, each additional gestation	76815
76805	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester (≥14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal, single or first gestation	76816
76810	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester, transabdominal, each additional gestation	76817
76811	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, maternal evaluation plus detailed fetal anatomic examination,	

<sup>1</sup>American Medical Association. CPT Professional 2003. Chicago, IL: American Medical Association; 2003.

## Members in the News

Let us congratulate the following AIUM members for their outstanding achievements!

**Beryl B. Benacerraf, MD**, was awarded with the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU) 2002 Larry Mack Award for the best original scientific research paper submitted to the SRU Research Committee. Dr. Benacerraf's paper, "*Fetal Nose Bone Length: A Marker for Down Syndrome in the Mid-Trimester*," was presented at the SRU's annual meeting in October 2002.

**Terry J. Dubose, MS, RDMS**, received special recognition from the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) for his professional achievement in the field of sonography at the SDMS annual conference in October 2002.

**Barry B. Goldberg, MD**, was named as 1 of the 20 most influential people in radiology by *Diagnostic Imaging Magazine* (November 2002).

**John C. Hobbins, MD**, received an honorary fellowship award from the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISUOG). This award is given to an individual who has shown outstanding commitment to the development of ISUOG. The award includes a lifetime membership to ISUOG.

**Harvey L. Neiman, MD**, was named as 1 of the 20 most influential people in radiology by *Diagnostic Imaging Magazine* (November 2002).

**Ilan Timor, MD**, received the 2002 Ian Donald Gold Medal from the International Society of Ultrasound in

Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISUOG). The award is given once a year to an individual who has made an outstanding scientific contribution to the field of ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology.

Have you or a colleague recently received a promotion, won an award, published a book, or accomplished some other achievement? Please send us details of the accomplishment, along with a photograph (if available), and we will share it with our *Sound Waves* readers in "Members in the News." We want to hear from you!

Send information and photographs to <swagner@aium.org> or mail to:

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# Current Trends in Ob/Gyn Ultrasound

"W" New Orleans Hotel • 333 Poydras Street • New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 15–16, 2003

Register online at < [www.aium.org](http://www.aium.org)>, or call 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352

Learn the latest in obstetrical and gynecological ultrasound from the experts—attend *Current Trends in Ob/Gyn Ultrasound* this February 15–16, in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Topics for this course will range from basic concepts to optimization of technique, through advanced areas of obstetrical and gynecological ultrasound. Directed by Joshua Copel, MD, this course will also feature a special session on coding the obstetrical sonogram.

Participants of *Current Trends in Ob/Gyn Ultrasound* are eligible to earn up to 12.5 AMA/PRA category 1 continuing medical education credits. Register early as AIUM regional courses sell out fast.

## AIUM Accreditation Workshop

Immediately following the course, a 3-hour AIUM Ultrasound Practice Accreditation "Getting Started" workshop will be offered. You'll learn the ins and outs of accreditation and tips for completing the accreditation application. Participants of this workshop are eligible to earn up to 3 AMA/PRA category 1 continuing medical education credits.

### Accreditation Statement

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## Sonographer's Corner

*Clinical nuggets, news, and information about ultrasound and the health care industry.*

### New Study Urges Routine Aortic Aneurysm Screening With Ultrasound in Men Age 65 and Older

The results of a study just published in *The Lancet*, the leading British medical journal, make a strong argument for the use of ultrasound in routine screening for aortic aneurysm.

In a multicenter, 67,800-patient study, men aged 65 and older were split into 2 groups: those who were examined for abdominal aortic aneurysm with a "screening" ultrasound, and those who were not (control group). In the screened group, those who were found to have an aneurysm were either followed closely (if the aneurysm was  $\geq 3$  cm in diameter), or referred for surgery (if it was  $\geq 5.5$  cm, expanded  $\geq 1$  cm per year, or was symptomatic, any of which indicate the risk of imminent rupture).

As a result, there was a 53% reduction in aneurysm-related deaths in the screened group, due to early detection and intervention. The researchers reported that these screening ultrasounds averaged 8–10 minutes each, at a cost of approximately \$100 per exam. They also noted that the cost would probably drop after approximately a decade of routine use of such a screening exam.

Such striking results will no doubt be reflected in an increase of "rule out aneurysm" aorta exams coming into ultrasound labs in the near future.

## Thank You, AIUM Vendors

Thank you to the dedicated vendors who work with the AIUM office. They added a special touch to the holiday festivities and also helped familiarize staff with the many different vendors with which we do business. The thoughtfulness of each vendor was much appreciated, and we would like to recognize them by name:

**Admiral Envelope**  
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**Video Labs Corporation**  
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Thanks to all who contributed to the holiday cheer!

Happy  
New Year!



## Calendar of AIUM Events

**February 15–16, 2003**

**Current Trends in Ob/Gyn Ultrasound**  
“W” New Orleans Hotel  
333 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, LA, USA  
Earn up to 12.5 CMEs

**February 16, 2003**

**AIUM Ultrasound Practice Accreditation  
“Getting Started” Workshops**  
“W” New Orleans Hotel  
333 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, LA, USA  
Earn up to 3 CMEs

**May 31–June 1, 2003**

**WFUMB/AIUM 2003 Precongress  
Courses**

Montréal Convention Centre (Palais des  
Congrès de Montréal)  
Montréal, Québec, Canada

- ◆ Journée Francophone d’Echographie  
(course in French) (Day 1)
- ◆ The Developing Fetus: First- and  
Second-Trimester (Days 1 & 2)
- ◆ Abdominal Sonography With Doppler  
Applications (Days 1 & 2)
- ◆ Bread-and-Butter Pediatric Sonography  
(Day 2)

**May 31–June 1, 2003**

**7th Congress of the World Federation of  
Sonographers (WFS)**

Montréal Convention Centre (Palais des  
Congrès de Montréal)  
Montréal, Québec, Canada

**June 1–4, 2003**

**AIUM hosts the 10th Congress of the  
World Federation for Ultrasound in  
Medicine and Biology (WFUMB)**

Montréal Convention Centre (Palais des  
Congrès de Montréal)  
Montréal, Québec, Canada

**June 20–23, 2004**

**2004 AIUM Annual Convention**

Desert Ridge Resort  
Scottsdale, AZ, USA

**June 19–21, 2005**

**2005 AIUM Annual Convention**

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Hotel  
Orlando, FL, USA

For more information or to register, visit  
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## Learn More About AIUM Committees

One of the AIUM’s newest committees is the Patient Resource Committee (PRC), which is charged with creating appropriate patient brochures and official statements dealing with patient issues and developing other resources for patient and public education. The committee consists of 16 members representing many specialties and disciplines in ultrasound, including sonographers, gynecologists, radiologists, and obstetricians.

In a little over 2 years, the PRC has worked diligently to update and revitalize the AIUM’s current patient pamphlets (abdomen, breast, Doppler/vascular, gynecology, obstetrics, prostate, safety) and the student guide *Is Sonography the Career for You?* The committee members are also working on developing new patient pamphlets on the following ultrasound topics: thyroid, pediatrics, musculoskeletal, scrotum, and a pamphlet on accreditation. In addition,

the committee is planning on creating an AIUM “patient-friendly” website to help individuals obtain the information they need efficiently. The committee hopes to have the new patient information available on the website within the next year.

The PRC is a very enthusiastic and energetic group that meets once a year, during the annual convention, and communicates regularly via conference call and e-mail throughout the year. They invite noncommittee members to attend their meeting and contribute their thoughts and expertise. The chair of this committee is Alfred Abuhamad, MD.

If you have information to share or questions or if you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please contact the committee’s staff liaison, Jennifer Fraser, via the AIUM at 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352, extension 237, or <[jfraser@aium.org](mailto:jfraser@aium.org)>



# Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Update

Ultrasound Practice Accreditation is a voluntary peer review process offered by the AIUM. Through this process, ultrasound practices have an opportunity to assess their strengths and weaknesses and initiate changes to improve their practices.

The AIUM's goal is to promote high-quality patient care by providing a program that both encourages and supports nationally accepted standards of diagnostic ultrasound.

## Congratulations to the following practices that have recently received AIUM accreditation:

**Parks Ob/Gyn Associates**  
Chillicothe, OH

**Raymond & Raymond Ob/Gyn, Inc.**  
Marysville, OH

**Maternal Fetal Center**  
Winter Park, FL

**Associates in Ob/Gyn**  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Professional Medical Ultrasonics, Inc.**  
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**Hemet Valley Medical Center High Risk OB Clinic**  
Hemet, CA

**Genesis Ob/Gyn, Inc.**  
Bridgeton, MO

**Garrison Women's Health Center**  
Dover, NH

## And, congratulations to the following practices that have recently been reaccredited\*:

**Bayside Ob/Gyn & Infertility**  
Erie, PA

**St. Luke's Hospital**  
Chesterfield, MO

**Southern Ob/Gyn Associates, PC**  
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**Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women**  
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**Center for Obstetrical Ultrasound, Johns Hopkins Hospital**  
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**Ob/Gyn Ultrasound Unit at Long Island College Hospital**  
Brooklyn, NY

**Mayo Women's Physicians of Jacksonville**  
Jacksonville, FL

**Advocate Medical Group/MSO, MFM**  
Parkridge, IL

\* Accreditation is granted for a 3-year period, after which time a practice must be reevaluated to receive reaccreditation.



## New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members. If you are a new member and your degree or credential is missing or incorrect, please contact the AIUM membership staff. The quickest way is by e-mail: <membership@aium.org>, but you may also call 301-498-4100 or 800-638-5352, fax to 301-498-4450, or mail to the AIUM office.

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