



Dedicated Thyroid / Parathyroid Case Submission Requirements

*For **initial accreditation applications only**, case studies are not required if the Physician Director of Ultrasound has obtained ECNU within the past 12 months.

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IMPORTANT: ECNU's imaging protocols were changed in order to align with the AIUM. Please see list of required images on page 2.

From the main site:	From <u>each additional site</u> or <u>mobile unit</u> :
<p>Submit a total of 4 abnormal diagnostic thyroid/parathyroid cases with corresponding final reports. 1 of the 4 cases must also contain an ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (UGFNA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The UGFNA can be performed on a different date than the diagnostic ultrasound, but must be performed on the same patient and include a separate report for the procedure. The needle must be shown within the lesion.	<p>Submit 1 abnormal diagnostic thyroid/parathyroid case with corresponding final report WHICH INCLUDES an ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (UGFNA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The UGFNA can be performed on a different date than the diagnostic ultrasound, but must be performed on the same patient and include a separate report for the procedure. The needle must be shown within the lesion.

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

Note:

Cases in which a patient has had a thyroidectomy (partial or complete) are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** for submission.

For the purpose of accreditation, all anatomy must be appropriately labeled (for example – LONG RT KID MEDIAL).

Thyroid / Parathyroid Imaging Checklist

Thyroid / Parathyroid		
<i>Labeled images of the following:</i>		
RIGHT LOBE:		
1. Transverse superior portion of RIGHT lobe	2. Transverse midportion of RIGHT lobe	3. Transverse inferior portion of RIGHT lobe
4. Longitudinal medial portion of RIGHT lobe	5. Longitudinal midportion of RIGHT lobe	6. Longitudinal lateral portion of RIGHT lobe
7. RIGHT lobe measurements in 3 dimensions		
LEFT LOBE:		
8. Transverse superior portion of LEFT lobe	9. Transverse midportion of LEFT lobe	10. Transverse inferior portion of LEFT lobe
11. Longitudinal medial portion of LEFT lobe	12. Longitudinal midportion of LEFT lobe	13. Longitudinal lateral portion of LEFT lobe
14. LEFT lobe measurements in 3 dimensions		
ISTHMUS:		
15. Transverse isthmus		16. AP measurement of isthmus
ABNORMALITIES (if applicable):		
17. Thyroid abnormality measurements in 3 dimensions	18. If multiple thyroid nodules are noted, the location, size, and number of nodules must be imaged and documented	19. Overall gland vascularity
20. Abnormal adjacent soft tissues		21. If cervical lymph nodes evaluated, size (at least 2 dimensions) and location
PARATHYROID (if indicated):		
22. Transverse images of anticipated parathyroid locations	23. Longitudinal images of anticipated parathyroid locations	24. Parathyroid gland(s) measured in 3 dimensions, when enlarged
UGFNA (if indicated):		
25. Lesion(s) with measurements demonstrated before biopsy/biopsies		26. Needle demonstrated within lesion(s)