ULTRASONOGRAPHY SYLLABUS

This training will equip individuals with the knowledge, professional skills, attitudes and clinical competencies to use ultrasound imaging in an appropriate and safe manner.

Training will have broadly two components:

1. **Knowledge Based**
   The theoretical course – will cover lectures on Physics of ultrasound, ultrasound machines & probes, How to use ultrasound, Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, laws of ultrasound, Medicolegal aspects, Methodology, patient preparations, Complete Obstetric Ultrasound uses including use in first, second & third trimesters, Diagnosis of threatened abortion, ectopic pregnancy, biometry, anomaly scanning, Intra-uterine Growth Retardation (IUGR), Placental evaluation, Amniotic fluid evaluation, color doppler uses and 3D & 4D ultrasound. Complete Gynecological uses in evaluating female pelvis and evaluating infertility.

2. **Skill Based**
   (1) Ability to visualise in two dimensional image and a three dimensional structure.
   (2) Hand-Eye co-ordination.
   (3) Supervision is essential.

**Summary Listing**

I. **Knowledge based: Theory Course**
The contents of the theoretical course should include at least the following, in addition to covering the subjects outlined in the syllabus above:

(A) **Principles of Ultrasound Examination**
   (i) Physics, instrumentation and safety
   (ii) Ultrasound systems and probes
   (iii) Instrumentation and control panel

(B) **Conduct of ultrasound scanning**
   (i) Consent
   (ii) Chaperone
   (iii) Confidentiality
   (iv) Infection control
   (v) Examination technique: probe movements and image orientation

(C) **Normal pelvic anatomy**
   (i) The Ultrasound Scan appearances of the normal uterus, ovary, endometrium and pelvis
   (ii) Endometrial and ovarian changes during menstrual cycles
   (iii) How to take measurements of dimensions of pelvic structures
   (iv) Measurement of endometrial thickness

(D) **Early pregnancy**
   (i) The Ultrasound Scan appearances in early pregnancy - Embryo, Placenta, Gestational Age, Twin pregnancy
   (ii) Recognition and diagnosis of complications of early pregnancy including
      (a) extra-uterine pregnancy
      (b) miscarriage
      (c) retained products of conception.
Identification or Recognition of pelvic pathology
(i) Use of Ultrasound Scan in managing menorrhagia, intermenstrual bleeding, postmenopausal bleeding
(ii) Ultrasound Scan appearances in polycystic ovaries, uterine fibroids, adenomyosis and endometrial polyps
(iii) Ultrasound Scan appearances of ovarian cysts – corpus luteum, simple and complex cysts and masses
(iv) Complex ovarian masses or ovarian screening
   (a) Endometrial pathology in postmenopausal women
   (b) Gestational trophoblastic neoplasia
   (c) Chronic pelvic pain
   (d) The assessment of tubal patency in infertility and follicular tracking for assisted conception
   (e) The assessment of prolapse, incontinence, and anal sphincter damage

Reproductive medicine
(i) Effect of contraceptive hormones and menopause on the endometrium
(ii) Use of Ultrasound Scan in identification of Intra-uterine Device or Intra-uterine System and Implanon position

Note: Attendance at a theoretical course is mandatory. The theoretical course need not include any hands-on component.

II. Skills Based

(A) Basic Imaging Skills
(i) Machine set-up
(ii) Counselling for scan
(iii) Decide transabdominal vs. transvaginal route
(iv) Choice of probe
(v) Patient positioning
(vi) Orientation
(vii) Identify normal endometrium
(viii) Identify normal myometrium
(ix) Identify normal ovaries
(x) Measure cervical length
(xi) Recording images
(xii) Note keeping and documentation

(B) Early Pregnancy
(i) Confirm viability
(ii) Date pregnancy
(iii) Diagnose corpus luteum cyst
(iv) Diagnose multiple pregnancy
(v) Determine chorionicity/zygosity
(vi) Identify retroplacental haematoma
(vii) Diagnose anembryonic pregnancy
(viii) Diagnose missed miscarriage
(ix) Diagnose retained products of conception
(x) Counselling for failed pregnancy
(xi) Diagnose ectopic pregnancy
(C) **Menorrhagia**
   (i) Identify submucous fibroid
   (ii) Identify intramural fibroid
   (iii) Identify subserous and pedunculated fibroid
   (iv) Identify adenomyosis

(D) **Postmenopausal and intermenstrual bleeding**
   (i) Measure endometrial thickness
   (ii) Identify atrophic endometrium
   (iii) Identify hyperplastic endometrium
   (iv) Identify endometrial polyps
   (v) Identify functional ovarian tumours

(E) **Pelvic Mass**
   (i) Identify mass as uterine
   (ii) Identify unilocular ovarian mass
   (iii) Identify complex ovarian mass
   (iv) Identify ascites

(F) **Reproductive Medicine**
   (i) Identify cyclical changes in endometrium
   (ii) Identify cyclical changes in ovary
   (iii) Identify polycystic ovary
   (iv) LocateIntra–uterine Device orIntra-uterine System position in uterus

(G) **Extra-Pelvic Scans**
   (i) Identify normal placement of Implanon
   (ii) Locate non-palpable Implanon

(H) **Contents – Section One**
   (i) Instrumentations and basics
   (ii) Physics for practical applications
   (iii) Examination techniques
   (iv) Trans-abdominal and Trans-vaginal Scan

1. **The knowledge base.**-(1) Principles of ultrasound examination :
   (i) Physics
   (ii) Safety
   (iii) Machine set-up and operation
   (iv) Patient care
   (v) Principles of report writing
   (vi) Consent

   (2) The relevant principles of acoustics, attenuation, absorption, reflection, speed to sound;
   (3) The effect on tissues of pulsed and continuous wave ultrasound beams : biological effects, thermal and non-thermal; safety
   (4) Basic operating principles of medical instruments
   (5) Types of transducers:

2. **Skill sets.**-(1) Use of ultrasound controls :
   (i) Signal processing — gray scale — time gain compensation, acoustic output relationship
   (ii) Artefacts, interpretation and avoidance — reverberation — side lobes — edge effects - registration — shadowing — enhancement;
   (iii) Measuring systems — linear, circumference, area and volume — Doppler ultrasound — flow,
   (iv) Imaging recording, storage and analysis;
   (v) Interpretation of acoustic output information and its clinical relevance
   (vi) Patient information and preparation reporting
1. The knowledge base
   (i) Knowledge of normal ultrasound appearances of the endometrium, myometrium and ovaries throughout a menstrual cycle.
   (ii) Understanding of techniques to measure the uterus, endometrium.
   (iii) Knowledge of normal ultrasound appearances of the ovaries and adnexa.

(a) Gynaecological abnormalities: uterine
   (i) Knowledge of the ultrasound appearances of fibroids and adenomyosis.
   (ii) Knowledge of endometrial pathology
   (iii) Intra-uterine Contraceptive Device localisation

(b) Gynaecological abnormalities: ovarian lesions
   (i) Knowledge of the differential diagnosis of ovarian and para-ovarian lesions.
   (ii) Knowledge of typical ultrasound findings of common ovarian appearances such as polycystic ovaries.
   (iii) Knowledge of ultrasound features of ovarian cancer and the features of advanced disease

(c) Extraovarian lesions
   (i) Knowledge of the principles of conducting ultrasound examination in chronic pelvic pain.
   (ii) Knowledge of typical morphological features of endometriosis, and pelvic adhesions.

(d) Ultrasonography Anatomy of Abdomen
   (i) Knowledge Base - Normal appearance
   (ii) Abnormalities commonly found
   (iii) Reporting of Mass lesions
   (iv) Measurements - specific locations & Proper Techniques

2. Skill sets
   (i) Ability to consistently identify and examine the uterus, ovaries, adnexa and pouch of Douglas.
   (ii) Ability to assess cyclical endometrial changes and endometrial responses to the combined pill and other hormonal preparations.
   (iii) Ability to assess the uterine size and to accurately measure endometrial thickness.
   (iv) Ability to assess ovarian volume and functional changes in the ovaries and adnexa during menstrual cycle: follicular appearances, variation in the morphology of corpora lutea, functional cysts, fluid in pouch of Douglas.
   (v) Ability to diagnose uterine fibroids, measure their size and assess their relation to the endometrial cavity. Correlate ultrasound findings to clinical symptoms.
   (vi) Ability to assess fibroids and adenomyosis and differentiate where possible.
   (vii) Ability to interpret the measurement of endometrial thickness in the clinical context.
   (viii) Ability to differentiate between focal and global endometrial thickness.
   (ix) To be able to identify Intra-uterine Contraceptive Device and its location within the uterus.
   (x) Ability to perform ultrasound examination combined with palpation in order to accurately identify the origin of pelvic lesion and interpret this in the clinical context.
   (xi) Ability to assess the size of adnexal lesions including mean diameter and volume.
   (xii) Ability to approach the assessment of adnexal lesions in a systematic way. Familiarity with standardised terms and definitions to describe sonographic features of adnexal lesions
   (xiii) Ability to diagnose simple functional and haemorrhagic cysts, polycystic ovaries, dermoids and endometriomas based on subjective assessment alone.
   (xiv) Ability to recognise abnormal pelvic fluid/ascites
   (xv) Ability to take a good clinical history in order to facilitate differential diagnosis of pelvic pain.
   (xvi) Be able to assess tenderness and mobility of pelvic organs including the pouch of Douglas on
transvaginal ultrasound scan.

(xvii) Ability to recognise ovarian endometriomas, hydrosalpinges, the consequences of pelvic adhesions and peritoneal pseudocysts on ultrasound scan.

(a) (1) Gynaecological ultrasound
(i) Accurate measurement of the endometrium in the accepted sagittal plane
(ii) Assessment of the adnexal regions: accurate identification of the normal ovaries, normal fallopian tube, normal pelvic fluid
(iii) Accurate measurement of normal and abnormal adnexal structures: mean diameter and volume
(iv) Recognise and evaluate common endometrial and myometrial abnormalities
(v) Recognise and evaluate common ovarian abnormalities
(vi) Recognise and evaluate complex ovarian masses and refer on appropriately
(vii) Communicating normal results to patients
(viii) Communicating appropriate abnormal results to patients
(ix) Producing written summary and interpretation of results
(x) Issue structured written report
(xi) Arranging appropriate follow up or intervention

(2) Skill Set
(i) Ability to consistently identify and examine Abdominal structures
(ii) Identify Normal
(iii) Identify Common Pathological Lesions
(iv) How and When to seek further opinion

(b) Liver and Spleen or Biliary System or Gall Bladder or Pancreas
Patient preparation and Scanning Techniques
—Sonographic Anatomy
(i) Liver - Diffuse liver disease, Fatty Liver, Grades. Acute hepatitis, cirrhosis and portal hypertension, Focal Mass lesions—Cystic Lesions or Solid Lesions
(ii) Spleen - Splenomegaly or Focal splenic mass - Solid mass, cysts, subphrenic abscess
(iii) Gall Bladder - Cholelithiasis or GB filled with calculi or Atypical calculus or Pitfalls
(iv) Pancreas - Inflammatory Acute pancreatitis (pancreatic and extrapancreatic manifestation
(a) Pseudocystor Chronic Pancreatitis or Neoplasms (solid and cystic looking )

(c) PROSTATE
(i) Sonographic anatomy (prostate, seminal vesicles)
(ii) Technique (transabdominal approach)
(iii) To identify central zone & peripheral zone or Measurement of prostate volume
(iv) Pathology
(a) Benign hypertrophy Prostatitis
(b) Prostatic abscess Cancer of prostate

(d) URINARY SYSTEM
Kidneys & ureters … scanning technique

(e) KIDNEYS
(i) Sonographic anatomy
(ii) Echogenicity, corticomedullary demarcation, renal sinus, Hypertrophied
(iii) Column of Bertin
(iv) URETERS Congenital anomalies( agenesis, ectopia, duplex collecting system &uretrocele )
(v) Hydronephrosis Renal calculus or Infection or Tumours or Mimics of calculus
(vi) Nephrolithiasis or Pyelonephritis, pyonephrosis, renal and perinephric abscess, chr. Pyelonephritis or Tuberculosis or Renal cell carcinoma, spectrum of sonographic appearance or Angiolipoma
(vii) Benign Cystic lesions (simplecorical cyst, complex cortical cyst, parapelvic cyst )
(viii) Polycystic kidney disease

(f) BLADDER
(i) Bladder calculus, bladder volume measurement.
(ii) Bladder wall (technique of thickness measurement)
(iii) Bladder mass, cystitis

(J) Contents – Section Three: Basics of obstetric scanning and interpretation in all trimesters – 3 Modules

I. Module 1 Early pregnancy: Trans-abdominal ultrasound examination of early pregnancy

_The aims of the module:_
(i) For trainees to become familiar with ideal machine set up and use of the transabdominal probe (including probe orientation)
(ii) To gain competence in undertaking a basic ‘dating scan’ using transabdominal scanning between 8-12 weeks gestation
(iii) To encourage an acute awareness of what can and cannot be seen using the transabdominal route in early pregnancy.

(a) _Learning outcomes_
To be able to carry out appropriate:
(i) ultrasound identification of an intrauterine pregnancy
(ii) ultrasound identification of cardiac activity
(iii) basic first trimester biometry
(iv) referral as required

(b) _The knowledge base_
(i) Understand morphological features of normal early pregnancy
(ii) Understand physiology of cardiac activity in first trimester.
(iii) Understand principles of gestational sac diameter and crown-rump length measurements
(iv) Understand the principles of differences between normal intrauterine gestation sac and a pseudosac
(v) Understand diagnostic problems which may occur e.g. empty bladder, obese women and those with large uterine fibroids
(vi) Know when to refer for a Trans-vaginal scan

(c) _Understand the diagnosis of multiple_
(i) pregnancy, chorionicity and amnionicity.
(ii) Understand criteria to diagnose miscarriage.
(iii) Understand the principles of ultrasound diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy.
(iv) Understand the management of women with Pregnancy of Unknown Location
(v) Knowledge of clinical and ultrasound findings suspicious of molar

(d) _Skill sets_
(i) Ability to identify the features of a normal gestational sac and confirm its intrauterine location.
(ii) Ability to measure gestational sac size and crown-rump length.
(iii) Ability to identify early cardiac activity using B-mode.
(iv) Identify fetal number
(v) Ultrasound diagnosis of early embryonic demise
(vi) Ultrasound assessment of a woman with suspected ectopic pregnancy
(vii) Ability to establish the diagnosis of multiple pregnancy with confidence and to assess chorionicity and amnionicity.
(viii) Ability to diagnose early embryonic demise based on assessment of gestational sac size and/or crown-rump length. Identify, assess and measure retained products of conception in women with incomplete miscarriages.
(x) Ability to correlate clinical, morphological and biochemical findings.
(xi) Ability to evaluate adnexa in a systematic and effective way and to interpret the findings in a clinical context. Identify the site and the number of corpora lutea. Identify tubal and non-tubal ectopic pregnancy and examine for the presence of a yolk sac or an embryo. Assess the amount and quality of fluid in the pouch of Douglas.
(xii) Seek help with confirmation of diagnosis and further management.
(xiv) Recognise limits of competency.
(xv) Know limits of own ability and when to refer for further opinion.
(xvi) Accurate documentation of measurements.
(xvii) Producing written summary and interpretation of results.
(xviii) Communicating normal results to parents.
(xix) Communicating abnormal results to parents.
(x) Arranging appropriate referral, follow up or intervention.

II. **Module 2- Basic : Ultrasound assessment of fetal size, liquor and the placenta**

(a) **The aims of the module:**
To gain basic competences that are potentially useful in day-to-day obstetric practice, including lie, presentation, placental site and liquor assessment. Basic biometry techniques will be taught but competence to the level of ‘independent practice’ is not required.

(b) **The knowledge base**

1. **Biometry**
   (i) Awareness of the various lies and presentations.
   (ii) Fetal growth or Physiology.
   (iii) Pathology
      (A) Maternal
      (B) Placental
      (C) Fetal
   (iv) Fetal biometry or Anatomical landmarks or Reference charts or Interpretation (including variability).
   (v) Calculation and value of:
      (A) Ratios
      (B) Estimated fetal weight.
2. Amniotic fluid
   (i) Amniotic fluid volume or Physiology or Change with gestation or Pathology
   (ii) Ultrasound measurement
   (iii) Subjective vs objective
   (iv) Max vertical pocket or Amniotic Fluid Index
   (v) Reference charts
   (vi) Interpretation (including variability)
   (vii) Oligohydramnios
   (viii) Definition and associations
   (ix) Polyhydramnios
   (x) Definition and associations

3. Placenta
   (i) Ultrasound assessment of site
   (ii) Indication for Transabdominal and transvaginal ultrasound
   (iii) Placenta praevia
   (iv) Classification
   (v) Management

(c) Skill Sets
   (i) Accurate measurement of Bi-parietal Diameter, Head Circumference, Abdominal Circumference, Femur Length
   (ii) Accurate documentation of measurements and observations, including chart plotting
   (iii) Assessment of liquor volume
   (iv) Be able to perform and interpret assessment of Amniotic Fluid Volume, maximum vertical pool depth and Amniotic Fluid Index using ultrasound
   (v) Measurement of Amniotic Fluid Index
   (vi) Assessment of liquor volume
   (vii) Measurement of Maximal Vertical Pool Depth
   (viii) Assessment of placental position using the trans-abdominal route
   (ix) Arranging appropriate follow up or referral
   (x) Producing written summary and interpretation of results
   (xi) Communicating normal results to parents
   (xii) Maintains awareness of limitations of own competence

III. Module 3: Intermediate: Ultrasound of normal fetal anatomy

(a) The aims of the module:

The overall aim of this module is to ensure that the trainee understands the indications for a fetal anatomy scan, is able to perform the scan safely and competently and to report the findings of the scan.

(b) Learning outcomes

The trainee should be able to:
   (i) take a proper clinical history.
   (ii) carry out ultrasound examination in the appropriate environment with respect to the patient's privacy,

   (iii) understand the normal morphological ultrasound appearances of the fetus and its environment.
   (iv) diagnose normal fetal anatomy
   (v) be aware of the normal anatomical variants
   (vi) understand the limits of their competence and the need to seek advice where appropriate.
   (vii) Communicate the results to the parents
   (viii) write a structured report
   (ix) learn when to refer patients where appropriate.
(c) The knowledge base

(i) Know anatomical landmarks for performing standard fetal measurements Bi-parietal Diameter, Head Circumference, Abdominal Circumference, Femur Length

(ii) Recognise normal appearance of fetal structures and appreciate different appearance at different gestations

(iii) Know the detection rates of common anomalies

(iv) Provide parents with necessary information in a form they understand

(v) Communicate scan findings and information given to parents to other health professionals

(d) Skill sets

(i) Identify fetal position within uterus

(ii) Be able to move probe with purpose to identify fetal structures

(iv) Be able to consistently and systematically identify the features described in an “optimal” anomaly scan

(v) Identify placental site

(vi) Recognise limits of competency

(vii) Recall patients appropriately for further scans if structures not seen clearly

(viii) Accurate measurements of Bi-parietal Diameter, Head Circumference, Abdominal Circumference, Femur Length, Transverse Cerebral Diameter and lateral atrial diameter of the cerebral ventricles

(ix) Confirm normal anatomy of head and face

(x) Confirm normal anatomy of spine

(xi) Confirm normal anatomy of heart and chest

(xii) Confirm normal anatomy of abdomen

(xiii) Confirm normal anatomy of limbs

(xiv) Perform full anomaly scan

(xv) Recognise common structural anomalies

(xvi) Locate and assess placenta

(xvii) Assess liquor volume

(xviii) Provide parents with information about:

(xix) Normal scan findings

(xx) Abilities and limitations of ultrasound

(xxii) To be able to discuss with parents the possibility of an abnormality and the need for a further opinion

(K) Contents – Section Four

1. Introduction to the problem of declining child sex ratio and provisions of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act.

Continuous decline in child sex ratio since 1961 Census is a matter of concern for the country. Beginning from 976 in 1961 Census, it declined to 927 in 2001. As per Census 2011 the Child Sex Ratio (0-6 years) has dipped further to 919 against 927 girls per thousand boys recorded in 2001 Census. Child sex ratio has declined in 18 States and 3 UTs and except for the states of Himachal Pradesh (909), Punjab (846), Chandigarh (880), Haryana (834), Mizoram (970), Tamil Nadu (943), Karnataka (948), Delhi (871), Goa (942), Kerala (964), Gujarat (890), Arunachal Pradesh (972), and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (968) showing marginal improvement, rest of the 21 states/UTs have shown decline.
2. Implementation of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994:

The Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act was enacted on September 20, 1994 and the Act was further amended in 2003. The Act provides for the prohibition of sex selection, before or after conception, and for regulation of pre-natal diagnostic techniques for the purposes of detecting genetic abnormalities or metabolic disorders or chromosomal abnormalities or certain congenital malformations or sex linked disorders and for the prevention of their misuse for sex determination leading to female foeticide and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Act is implemented through the following implementing bodies:

(i) Central Supervisory Board
(ii) State Supervisory Boards and Union Territory Supervisory Boards
(iii) Appropriate Authority for the whole or a part of the State or Union Territory
(iv) State Advisory Committee and Union Territory Advisory Committee
(v) Advisory Committees for designated areas (part of the State) attached to each Appropriate Authority.
(vi) Appropriate Authorities at the District and Sub-District levels

3. Registration:

Appropriate Authority of the district is responsible for registration of ultrasound diagnostic facilities.

4. Application fee:

(1) Rs.25000.00 for Genetic Counselling centre, Genetic laboratory, Genetic Clinic, Ultrasound Clinic or Imaging Centre.

(2) Rs.35000.00 for an institute, hospital, nursing home, or any place providing jointly the service of Genetic Counselling Centre, Genetic laboratory, Genetic Clinic, Ultrasound Clinic or Imaging Centre or any combination thereof.

5. Mandatory Displays at ultrasound center:

(1) Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC and PNDT) Certificate: It is mandatory for every clinic or facility or hospital etc. registered under the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act to display the certificate of registration at a conspicuous place at such Centre, Laboratory or Clinic.

(2) Signage, board or banner in English & local language indicating that foetal sex is not disclosed at the concerned facility.

(3) Copy of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act must be available in every ultrasound center

6. Renewal of registration

(1) Every certificate of registration is valid for a period of 5 years

(2) Renewal of registration to be done 30 days before the date of expiry of the certificate of registration.

7. Mandatory maintenance of records: Register showing in serial order:

(1) Names and addresses of men or women subjected to pre-natal diagnostic procedure or test;

(2) Names of their spouses or fathers;
8. **Preservation of the following duly completed forms**

   (i) Form F  
   (ii) Referral Slips of Doctors  
   (iii) Forms of consent  
   (iv) Sonographic plates or slides

9. **Record storage:**

   All above records should be preserved for 2 years.

10. **Powers of Appropriate Authority:**

   (1) Appropriate Authority can enter freely into any clinic or facility for search and seizure.
   (2) Examine and inspect of registers, records including consent forms, referral slips, Forms, sonographic plates or slides and equipment like ultrasonography machines.
   (3) To ensure presence of at least two independent witnesses of the same locality or different locality during the search

11. **For further Do’s and Don’ts about following the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act and rules a Handbook of Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act and rules with Amendments published by Ministry of Health, Government of India has made available online on www.pndt.nic.in**

   **Schedule- II**

**LOGBOOK AND ASSESSMENT**

1. **The Logbook**

   The Logbook records the training activity, tutorials and self-directed learning undertaken and competencies achieved. Maintenance and regular review of the logbooks during interim assessments will allow the Principal Trainer and Trainee to monitor progress and identify deficiencies over the course of training. The Trainer will sign the appropriate sections of the Logbook documents with regard to attendance, skill and competence. It is imperative that all participants appreciate that the Trainee’s progress has to meet standards that satisfy the Trainers. At the end of the training programme, the Principal Trainer has to certify that the competencies and skills attained by the Trainee are to his/her satisfaction.

   **(1) Training Plan Level 1 exercise to be performed under direct supervision:**

   At this initial assessment, a training plan should be agreed between the Principal Trainer and the Trainee, using the competency, skills and attitudes lists to set the learning objectives. (This should include, identifying a theory course to be attended within 6 months of induction assessment, if not already undertaken.) The initial learning objectives and the activity plan to meet these should be tailored to the individual learning needs of the Trainee. Subsequent learning objectives should be set at interim assessments until the Trainee has attained all the competencies, skills and attitudes on the lists.

   It is the Trainee’s responsibility to undertake this planned learning. The Principal Trainer should guide this, but need not undertake all training themselves.

   In addition to the recording of competence, the logbook also contains sections for the recording of ultrasound images and basic clinical details of clients seen by the trainee. The ultrasound images should be of high quality and
demonstrate aspects of the ultrasound scan which are pertinent to the clinical case and should have been obtained by the trainee. The trainee should review suitable images with the Trainer, prior to attaching them to the logbook.

This logbook is intended to record experience of ultrasound imaging in clinics where clients are referred for ultrasound imaging as part of the management of their abdomino-pelvic and gynecological conditions (early pregnancy clinics, pre-abortion assessment clinics, etc) either in hospital or community setting.

It also:

(a) Provides a summary of the syllabus in the form of a list of necessary competencies.
(b) Records the outcomes of the learning objectives agreed between you and your Trainers.
(c) Provides a record of your achievements as you attain competence in the required areas.
(d) Records the certified assessment of your competence when applying for the Certificate.
(e) Provide a permanent record of interesting cases to act as a reference for future practice.

(2) Minimum Number of Scans for Level-I Training (Total 200 cases)

Obstetric Scans
- Viable Pregnancies: 10
- Non Viable Pregnancies: 10
- Normal Biometry: 10
- Growth Restrictions: 10
- Abnormal Pregnancy: 10 (ectopic or multiple etc.)
- Gynaec: 10
- IUCD’s: 05
- Fibroids: 10
- Ovarian Cysts: 10
- Gynaec Disorders: 10

Non-Obstetric Scans
- Normal abdominal Scan: 20
- Gall Stone Disease: 10
- Extra hepatic Biliary Channel: 05
- Hepatic Solid Masses: 05
- Hepatic Cystic Lesions: 05
- Pancreas: 05
- Urinary: 25
- Normal Scan: 10
- Cystic lesions of Kidney including Hydronephrosis: 05
- Solid lesions of Kidneys: 05
- Ureteric and Bladder Stones: 05
- Prostate: 05

Observations -
- Transvaginal Scan: 10
- Color Doppler Studies Obstetric: 10
2. Assessment

As well as the initial assessment, the Principal Trainer must perform at least one interim assessment to check the Trainee’s progress and the summative (final) assessment of competence. The Principal Trainer has to certify that the competencies and skills attained by the Trainee are to his/her satisfaction.

It is the responsibility of the independent examiner to be nominated by Director, Medical Education Department of the concerned State to certify final competence, in order to exit the training programme.

(1) Guidelines for Assessors

(a) Assessors may be Ultrasonographers, Obstetricians or Gynaecologists or doctors experienced in ultrasonography.

(b) Assessor should explain to the person being assessed, that the purpose of this exercise is to assess technical competence.

(c) The trainee should perform the procedure based on his/her usual practice. The trainee and trainer should fill in the forms separately and use them to inform discussion following observation of the trainee. The assessment is designed to assess technical skills. It enables discussion on technique and will allow discussion on why the trainee acted as she/he did.

(d) It is planned that each trainee should be assessed by Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills at least twice in a training programme; by different assessors, one of whom should be the Independent Examiner, as part of the summative assessment.

(e) Trainees must already have achieved competence (direct supervision), in the procedure being evaluated.

For each procedure, the following must be completed:

(a) Itemised Checklist Score

(b) Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills assessment sheet

It is not necessary to obtain written consent from patients, but it would be prudent to say that the Trainee is partaking in an assessment with full supervision. Patients may choose not to be part of the assessment process.

3 copies of the forms should be kept;

(a) One for the trainee’s portfolio

(b) One for the Principal Trainer

(c) One to go back to the Faculty with all forms when the certificate is applied for.

(2) OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED ASSESSMENT OF TECHNICAL SKILLS (OSATS)

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### (B). EARLY PREGNANCY

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(C). MENORRHAGIA

Identify submucous fibroid
Identify intramural fibroid
Identify subserous and pendunculated fibroid
Identify adenomyosis

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(D). POSTMENOPAUSE AND INTERMENSTRUAL BLEEDING

Measure endometrial thickness
Identify atrophic endometrium
Identify hyperplastic endometrium
Identify endometrial polyps
Identify functional ovarian tumours

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<td>Locate Intra-uterine Device or Intra-uterine System position in uterus</td>
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**EXTRA PELVIC SCANS**

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### General Abdomen

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### Prostate

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### Special Remarks
GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT FOR FINAL EXAMINATION

Minimum pass marks – For practicals 60 and Theory 50

I. THEORY ASSESSMENT

(a) 100 marks – two hours

(b) 50 multiple choice questions of one mark each = 50 marks

(c) 10 short answers with five marks each = 50 marks

(d) Short Question will have a defined space for the candidate to fit answer

II. PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

(a) 20 marks for log book

(b) 50 marks for demonstrations

(c) 30 marks viva

Note: The examiner can chose any FIVE of these TEN for demo and allot 10 marks each

Step 1: Preparation
1.1 Equipment preparation
1.2 Patient preparation
1.3 Operator preparation
1.4 Expose the lower abdomen and apply the gel
1.5 Select the transducer

Step 2: Commence the growth and high-risk pregnancy scanning protocol
2.1 Patient position
2.2 Scan plane
2.2 Transabdominal scan plane
   Endovaginal scan plane
2.3 Standard second and third trimester protocol image requirements
   1. Fetal lie, life, number, presentation, and situs
   2. Maternal uterus and adnexae
   3. Amniotic fluid and placental location
   4. Fetal biometry
   5. Fetal anatomy

Step 3: Overview of second and third trimester routine ultrasound examination

Step 4: Perform targeted scan relevant to clinical condition of fetus and/or mother
4.1 Scan for multiple pregnancy

Step 5: Scan for intrauterine growth restriction
5.1 Fetal biometry, growth, and weight

Step 6: Scan for amniotic fluid and membranes
6.1 Calculate the amniotic fluid volume

Step 7: Scan for placenta and umbilical cord abnormalities
7.1 Placenta
7.2 Umbilical cord

**Step 8:** Scan for fetal biophysical profile

**Step 9:** Scan for fetal complications of maternal disease
9.1 Fetal hydrops
9.2 Maternal diabetes
9.3 Maternal hypertension and pre-eclampsia
9.4 Other maternal diseases

**Step 10:** Demonstrate – to assess general abdominal scan – maternal liver/gall bladder/kidneys

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**III. VIVA – 30 marks on three case situations**

Clinicosonographic co-relation
video clip and case studies

**IV. CASE STUDY**

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Ultrasonography Findings

Impressions

Key Learnings