Ultrasound Use in Anaesthesia

Assessments to accompany Workbook for anaesthetic trainees in North

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Introduction

As part of the process of development of your skills in ultrasound use in Anaesthesia we have established a structured assessment tool. This will allow you, as a trainee, to understand the steps required in your training in this technology.

The anaesthetic departments of Cairns Base Hospital and The Townsville Hospital currently use Sonosite[™] equipment as such this assessment refers to the M-Turbo[™] and S-Nerve[™] devices.

For module structure and details of the training course please refer to the workbook – http://www.cairnsanaes.org/page8/page8.html

As a general guide we suggest trainees aim to complete modules at the following rate:

BTY 1 modules 1 to 12

BTY 2 modules 13 to 20

ATY 1 modules 21 to 31

ATY 2 complete all remaining modules

ATY 3 consolidate skills and practice with a lower level of supervision.

We suggest that you keep this assessment pack in your ANZCA learning portfolio for your reference and for when you rotate between Anaesthetic Departments.

There is no requirement to complete any of this workbook for the ANZCA training program. It is merely provided for trainees who wish to learn techniques in ultrasound guided procedures in anaesthesia and is supported by the anaesthetic departments in North Queensland.

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Assessment 1: Ultrasound Basics - Modules 1 to 11

Assessed Steps	
Turn Ultrasound Machine On	
Review and select appropriate probe	
Review and select appropriate Preset	
Review and select appropriate depth	
Review and select appropriate frequency	
Review and optimise gain	
Freeze and unfreeze image	
Enter patient details	
Save image	
Save clip	
Export image and clip to USB	
Identify vascular structure (carotid artery)	
Apply and interrogate Doppler on carotid	
Identify peripheral nerve (median nerve)	
Trace median nerve proximally wrist to elbow	
Identify bone & acoustic shadow	
Identify pleura & peritoneum	
Manipulate probe from SAX ¹ to LAX ² internal jugular vein	
Image needle phantom model SAX	
Image needle phantom model LAX	
Perform needle to target phantom model SAX	
Perform needle to target phantom model LAX	
Comments:	
Assessor: Date Completed:	

¹ SAX – Short Axis ² LAX – Long Axis

Assessment 2: Ultrasound Guided Vascular Access - Module 12

Assessed Steps	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Great Vessels in the neck	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Femoral Vessels	
Identify Radial Artery	
Identify Peripheral Venous Structure (e.g. basilic / cephalic v)	
Demonstrate use of Doppler colour	
Demonstrate identification of venous or arterial vessel	
Demonstrate manipulation of probe from SAX to LAX	
Demonstrate on blue phantom needle approach in SAX & LAX	
Demonstrate cannulation of central vein Vein:	
Consent	
Monitoring	
Patient and equipment positioning	
Aseptic Technique	
Appropriate US Machine Settings	
Successful completion of cannulation	
Comments: Assessor: Date Completed:	

Assessment 3: Basic Ultrasound Guided Regional Anaesthesia – Modules 13 to 20

Assessed Steps		
Demonstrate awareness of compl	ications of Regional Anaesthesia	
Describe the management of local anaesthetic toxicity		
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Axi	llary Block	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Fo	rearm	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Fe	moral Nerve & Fascia Iliaca	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Lat	eral Cutaneous Nerve of Thigh	
Perform Selected Nerve Block	Nerve:	
Consent		
Monitoring		
Patient and equipmen	t positioning	
Aseptic Technique		
Appropriate US Mach	ine settings	
Appropriate selection	of local anaesthetic agent	
Visualisation of target	nerve	
Identification of adjace	ent structures of interest	
Safe needle insertion	and approach in selected axis	
Identification of injection	on point	
Achievement of define	ed end point for block	
Assessment of adequ	acy of block	
Comments:		

Assessor: Date Completed:

Assessment 4: Intermediate Ultrasound Guided Regional Anaesthesia – Modules 21 to 31

Assessed Steps		
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Interscalene Block		
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Supraclavicular Block		
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Infraclavicular Block		
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Tra	ansverse Abdominal Plane Block	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Pro	oximal Sciatic Block (Sub-gluteal)	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Dis	stal Sciatic Block (Popliteal)	
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Saphenous Block		
Perform Selected Nerve Block	Nerve:	
Consent		
Monitoring		
Patient and equipmen	t positioning	
Aseptic Technique		
Appropriate US Mach	ine settings	
Appropriate selection	of local anaesthetic agent	
Visualisation of target	nerve	
Identification of adjace	ent structures of interest	
Safe needle insertion	and approach in selected axis	
Identification of injection	on point	
Achievement of define	ed end point for block	
Assessment of adequ	acy of block	
Comments:		

Assessor: Date Completed:

Assessment 5: Advanced Ultrasound Guided Regional Anaesthesia – Modules 32 to 35

Assessed Steps				
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Lumbar Plexus Block				
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Anterior Sciatic Block				
Demonstrate Sonoanatomy of Penile Block				
Demonstra	ate Sonoanatomy of Paravertebral Block			
Demonstra	ate Sonoanatomy of Neuraxial Structures			
Perform Se	elected Nerve Block Nerve:			
	Consent			
	Monitoring			
	Patient and equipment positioning			
	Aseptic Technique			
Appropriate US Machine settings				
Appropriate selection of local anaesthetic agent				
Visualisation of target nerve				
Identification of adjacent structures of interest				
	Safe needle insertion and approach in selected axis			
	Identification of injection point			
	Achievement of defined end point for block			
	Assessment of adequacy of block			
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Assessor:	Date Completed:			