

Guidelines For Ordering Ultrasounds (Hernias & Palpable Lumps)

Ultrasound Exams	Body Parts	Common Indications
Abdomen Limited (Umbilical Hernia) CPT: 76705	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbilical / Lower Back 	Umbilical Hernia / Palpable Lump
Extremity Nonvascular (Inguinal Hernia) CPT: 76882	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arms / Legs / Groins / Hernia (Not Scrotum) 	Inguinal Hernia / Baker's Cyst / Ganglion Cyst / Foreign Body
Chest / Upper Back CPT: 76604	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Back / Chest (Not Breast) 	Palpable Lump
Pelvic Limited CPT: 76857	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suprapubic Area / Buttocks 	Palpable Lump
Head / Neck CPT: 76536	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supraclavicular / Head / Neck 	Palpable Lump

- You must include laterality, body part, and area of concern on the referral
- US palpable lump and hernia are not performed on patients under 18
- US scrotum does not image the inguinal canals for hernia (only images the testicles)
- Please do not use US Extremity Musculoskeletal Nonvascular CPT: 76881 (only use if looking at muscle tears, nerves, tendons, or ligaments)