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Ultrasound Candidate Task Sheet

Case Parameters

This is a 10 minute ultrasound case. You will acquire 1 ultrasound image, and interpret 1 ultrasound video. Please know that the examiner may interrupt you to move through the case in a timely manner.

Expectations for Standardized Patient Interactions

Upon entering the room, the examiner will introduce the patient. You should interact with the standardized patient as you would any patient in a clinical situation, but please:

- Wear gloves.
- Ask the patient to expose parts of their body as needed.
- Do not wipe the gel off the patient; they will remove gel themselves.
- Ask the patient to reposition themselves to facilitate image acquisition as needed.
- Adjust the bed as needed or ask the examiner.
- Do not acquire any further history in your assessment of this patient.

Expectations for Examiner Interactions

- You must verbalize your thoughts while you are performing ultrasounds.
- Once you obtain a representative image, ask the examiner to "freeze" the screen.

Expectations for Ultrasound Machine Manipulation

- You will manipulate the ultrasound probe; the examiner will operate the machine
- Ask the examiner to adjust machine settings (depth, gain, or other modes) or transducer probe selection (linear, curvilinear, or phased array) as necessary.
- Notify your examiner if you would like to make any measurements.

Patient Information

Patient is a 24-year-old woman with last menstrual period 2 months prior presenting to your emergency room with abdominal pain and lightheadedness as well as some mild vaginal bleeding. All symptoms started abruptly about 3 hours ago.

Physical Exam Findings

Vital signs: T 36.4C, HR 110, BP 90/72, RR 26, O2 saturation: 99% on RA.
Physical Exam:
General: diaphoretic and cold, patient looks unwell.
Abdomen: distended and diffusely tender to palpation, + rebound tenderness in the lower quadrants

Task Statement

Your tasks are as follows:
Obtain an image of the uterus in long axis.