

# PREGNANCY LOSS OBSTETRICAL ULTRASOUND PROTOCOL

**GESTATIONAL AGE:** Any GA

**BILLING CODES:**

UOBL (76815) *Only one UOBL can be charged per visit even for multiple pregnancies.*

**PATIENT PREP:** No prep

**DESCRIPTION:** *This exam will be a limited assessment with minimal views necessary for pregnancy management in cases of pregnancy loss.*

## MINIMUM VIEWS REQUIRED

### PLACENTA AND UTERUS:

- **IN 1ST TRIMESTER** – Evaluate the uterus and ovaries but cine sweeps are fine, you do not need measurements unless there is an abnormality, cyst, dermoid, significant fibroids, etc
- **IN 2<sup>ND</sup> /3<sup>RD</sup> TRIMESTER** – Document placental location and look for previa for delivery planning purposes. Uterus and ovary images are not needed.

### HEART TONES:

- M-mode sweep documenting absent heart tones – M-mode, color and cine sweep while staying still on heart showing no activity

**BIOMETRY:** Biometry is needed for size and dating of the demise and delivery planning.

**FETAL CINE SWEEP:** Take a cine clip through entire fetus.

**INCIDENTAL FINDINGS:** Document any obvious abnormality that could have contributed to the loss.

***\*\*Contact the physician reading exams immediately. They will contact the ordering provider. Follow after-hours OB ultrasound reading instructions if you are unable to reach them.***

***\*\*Remind the reading physician not to finalize the report until the patient has been informed. The patient will be able to view the report in their chart once it is finalized.***

***\*\*Keep the patient in the room until a plan has been made with their physician.***

***\*\*It is best to let their physician, or the reading physician, tell them the results when possible.***

## PREGNANCY LOSS OB IMAGE LIST

MINIMUM IMAGES REQUIRED	MODE
1 <sup>ST</sup> TRI – Cine sweeps of UT and ovaries	Cine
2ND TRI – Placental location, previa check	2D
HEART TONES	<b>M-mode</b> <b>Color</b> <b>Cine</b>
BIOMETRY	2D+
FETAL CINE SWEEP	Cine
INCIDENTAL FINDINGS	2D/Cine

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