

Assessment of the abdominal aorta competency

| | ST4-6 | Assessment Methods | GMP Domains |
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| Knowledge | <p>Use focused ultrasound to assist in bedside emergency department decisions</p> <p>Recognise the limitations of a scan and be able to explain these limitations to patients/carers</p> <p>How to position the patient</p> <p>Key indications</p> <p>Knows anatomy</p> <p>Understands common aortic artefacts</p> <p>Knows the views to obtain</p> <p>Can measure aortic diameter</p> <p>Recognises different types of aneurysm</p> <p>Understands when to use</p> <p>Knows normal limits</p> <p>Distinguishes aorta from IVC</p> <p>Can identify SMA and coeliac axis</p> <p>Knows leaks /bleeding cannot be seen</p> <p>Incorporate ultrasound findings with the rest of the clinical assessment</p> | E, C, AA, W | 1 |
| Skills | <p>Can obtain adequate images</p> <p>Can interpret accurately in the clinical setting</p> | D | 1 |
| Behaviours | <p>Safe practice</p> <p>Recognises limitations of own skills</p> <p>Adheres to rule-in philosophy</p> | E, C | 2, 3 |