

## **ABDOMEN LIMITED (ASCITES CHECK) US PROTOCOL**

### **Purpose:**

- To evaluate the amount of ascites in the abdomen and pelvis.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- 3-5 MHz sector or curved probe

### **PATIENT PREPARATION & ASSESSMENT:**

- Introduce yourself to the patient.
- Verify patient identity via two patient identifiers (name and date of birth) per hospital policy.
- Explain the examination, its purpose and how long it will take.
- Answer any questions the patient may have regarding the examination.
- Obtain patient history including symptoms, signs, risk factors and other relevant history.

### **DOCUMENTATION:**

- Document longitudinal and transverse grayscale images of the right upper, right lower, left upper and left lower quadrants.