

Supplementary Material 1. A checklist for evaluating point-of-care ultrasound of the airway in image acquisition and identification

Ultrasound performance test					
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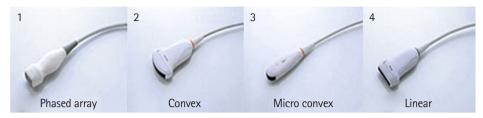
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Transverse thyroid cartilage		F
Proper probe location – midline at the level of thyroid cartilage		
Proper probe direction – transverse and right-headed		
Image accuracy – arch of thyroid cartilage must be visible		
Transverse cricoid cartilage		F
Proper probe location – midline at the level of cricoid cartilage		
Proper probe direction – transverse and right-headed		
Image accuracy – arch of cricoid cartilage, reverberation of trachea must be visible		
Transverse below cricoid cartilage		F
Proper probe location – below cricoid cartilage and right-tilted		
Proper probe direction – transverse and right-headed		
Image accuracy – reverberation of trachea, concentric layers of esophagus must be visible		
Transverse above sternal notch		F
Proper probe location – above sternal notch and right-tilted		
Proper probe direction – transverse and right-headed		
Image accuracy – reverberation of trachea, concentric layers of esophagus must be visible		
Longitudinal CTM		F
Proper probe location – between the edge of thyroid cartilage and cricoid cartilage		
Proper probe direction – longitudinal and cephalad		
Image accuracy – thyroid cartilage and cricoid cartilage, hyperechoic CTM must be visible		
Longitudinal tracheal rings		F
Proper probe location – above sternal notch		
Proper probe direction – longitudinal and cephalad		
Image accuracy – "string of pearls" appearance of tracheal rings must be visible		

CTM, cricothyroid membrane; S, success; F, failure.

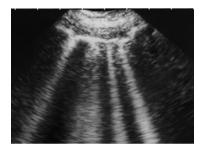


Supplementary Material 2. Questions for the pre- and post-test to assess cognitive skill

1. Which of following ultrasound transducers is the most commonly used for POCUS-A?



2. The following is a characteristic of the ultrasonic image caused by the difference in transmission of two adjacent media. What is the name of this phenomenon?



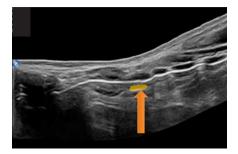
- 1) A-lines
- 2) Shred sign
- 3) Mirror image
- 4) Comet-tale sign
- 3. Which of the following ultrasound procedures is correct?
 - 1) To identify the cricothyroid membrane, place a transducer on the jugular notch so that it is parallel to the clavicle.
 - 2) To confirm the tracheal intubation, the transducer is placed in the center of the trachea parallel to the direction of trachea.
 - 3) To confirm the tracheal intubation, place a transducer on the left side of the trachea vertical to the direction of trachea.
 - 4) When an esophageal intubation is identified, fill the balloon of the endotracheal tube with water and confirm its depth with ultrasound.
- 4. What finding is seen on following video of ultrasound?



- 1) A successful intubation.
- 2) Pneumothorax is suspected.
- 3) The central vein catheter is inserted.
- 4) Esophageal intubation is suspected.

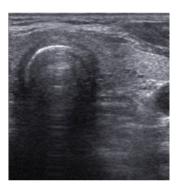


5. What structure or sign does the arrow point to?



- 1) Ring down artifact
- 2) Side lobe artifact
- 3) Cricoid cartilage
- 4) Mirror image artifact

6. What would you do if you had seen the following video during tracheal intubation?



- 1) Fill the balloon of endotracheal tube with water and confirm its depth with ultrasound.
- 2) Remove the endotracheal tube and reattempt tracheal intubation.
- 3) Find the cricothyroid cartilage with a longitudinal view.
- 4) Consider chest tube insertion.

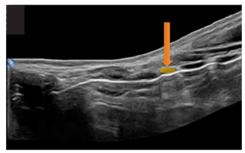
7. What would you do if you had seen the following image during tracheal intubation?



- 1) Slowly turn the transducer 90 degrees so that it is perpendicular to the direction of trachea.
- 2) Fill the balloon of the endotracheal tube due to successful intubation.
- 3) Move the transducer slowly toward the patient's chest.
- 4) Move the transducer slowly toward the patient's head.



8. What structure does the arrow point to?



- 1) Rib
- 2) Strap muscle
- 3) Cricoid cartilage
- 4) Tracheal ring

9. What structure does the arrow point to?



- 1) Anterior strap muscle
- 2) Vocal cord
- 3) Thyroid cartilage
- 4) Tracheal ring
- 10. What is the illusion that occurs between an object with a very strong acoustic reflection interface like the diaphragm, pleura, pelvic cavity and the actual mass?
 - 1) Mirror image artifact
- 2) Ring-down artifact
- 3) Beam thickness artifact
- 4) Side lobe artifact

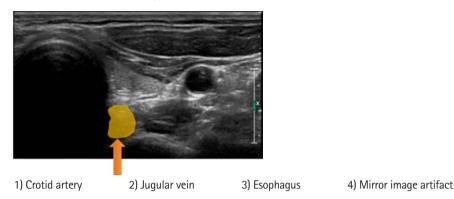
11. What structure does the arrow point to?



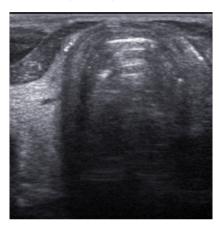
- 1) Mandible
- 2) Hyoid bone
- 3) Thyroid cartilage
- 4) Cricoid cartilage



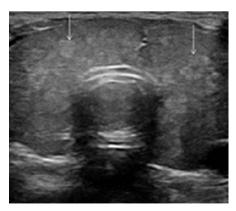
12. What structure does the arrow point to?



13. What would you do if you had seen the following video during tracheal intubation?



- 1) Fill the balloon of the endotracheal tube with water and confirm its depth with ultrasound.
- 2) Remove the endotracheal tube and reattempt tracheal intubation.
- 3) Find the cricothyroid cartilage with a longitudinal view.
- 4) Consider chest tube insertion.
- 14. What would you do if you had seen the following image during tracheal intubation in patients with dyspnea requiring tracheal intubation?



- 1) Carefully attempt an endotracheal intubation.
- 2) Consult an airway management specialist immediately.
- 3) Perform cricothyroidotomy because endotracheal intubation is dangerous.
- 4) Observe with administering oxygen with facial mask because endotracheal intubation is dangerous.



15. What structure does the arrow point to?

