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Statement in support of ultrasound training within Acute Medicine

The Society strongly supports the development of ultrasound competencies for Acute Medicine clinicians, both those in training and those otherwise working on the Acute Medical Unit (AMU). This has been brought into focus by the welcome addition of mandatory ultrasound competencies to the AIM higher specialist training curriculum.

In order to support this, there will need to be investment in both time and equipment to provide the training environment required and the facilities to embed these skills in the routine work of the Acute Medical team.

The Society therefore makes the following recommendations relevant to all AMUs across the United Kingdom:

- A senior clinician should be appointed point of care ultrasound lead, with the remit of overseeing training, governance and integration with local radiology services
- The above role should attract an indicative 1 PA of job planned time (dependent on unit size and anticipated training commitments)
- Each unit should always have a dedicated ultrasound machine available. This should be linked to the hospital PACS system with the ability to generate contemporaneous reports linked to images
- AMUs should look to develop training pathways with dedicated time for training for interested trainees and clinicians, including linking with local radiology departments to facilitate a two-way transfer of knowledge

For more information on Focused Acute Medicine Ultrasound (FAMUS) - the ultrasound competency endorsed by the Society - please visit www.acutemedicine.org.uk/FAMUS.

A joint statement between the Royal College of Radiologists, British Medical Ultrasound Society and Society for Acute Medicine regarding the importance of point of care ultrasound is available [here](#).



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