Position: Per Diem Ultrasound Technologist  
Salary Range: $42.68 Hourly

Kern Medical strives to recruit the highest quality candidates, resulting in a high performance workforce that consistently delivers quality patient care.

- Per Diem employees supplement department staffing needs, with no guarantee of minimum hours.
- Per Diem minimum scheduling expectation is one (1) shift per four week schedule.

Job Description

Under direction, performs a variety of ultrasound imaging procedures for use in medical, obstetrical and surgical diagnosis and treatment at a technical level not requiring direct supervision.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is the entry level of the ultrasound technologist series. Incumbents in this class perform routine ultrasonic procedures under close supervision according to established procedures. This class is distinguished from Ultrasound Technologist II by the latter’s performance of complex procedures and supervision of staff. Appointment to the next level of Ultrasound Technologist II is based on department needs, recommendation by the department head and approval by the Director of Human Resources.

Essential Functions:

- Documents all information on the patient's images, consents and other medical records.
- Assumes responsibility for patient needs during procedures.
- Starts and maintains intravenous access as prescribed by a licensed independent practitioner within scope of practice.
- Operates complex ultrasound equipment pertinent to department needs; calibrates, adjusts and maintains ultrasound equipment.
- Utilizes ancillary devices, such as oscilloscopes, cameras and video recorders to obtain permanent record of examination.
- Selects proper transducer frequency and diameter for performance of the examination.
- Determines if the anatomy is normal or abnormal, and if deemed abnormal, be able to delineate the abnormality and extend the scope of the study appropriately.
- Prepares room and patients for ultrasound examination.
• Gives directions to patients before examinations; positions patients on examination tables; provides proper protection to patients according to prescribed safety standards.
• Correlates clinical history with the test to be performed; consults with radiologist or referring physician regarding patient’s previous history and decision of appropriate ultrasound procedures required.
• Performs ultrasound studies.
• Provides technical and nursing aid for surgical biopsy and aspiration procedures.
• Participates in reading sessions with the physician and contributes technical and professional knowledge to the final diagnostic impression or report.
• Maintains equipment and work areas in a clean and orderly condition.
• Assists in maintaining records.
• Maintains patient confidentiality at all times.
• Provides cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid care to patients.
• Insures charges are in the computer billing system.
• Dependent upon area of practice or department assignments, demonstrates clinical knowledge and skill in the care of the newborn, infant, toddler, child, adolescent, adult and geriatric patient ranging up to 100+ years of age.

OTHER FUNCTIONS:

• Performs other job related duties as required.

Employment Standards:

Satisfactory completion of an accredited ultrasonic training program AND (1 year) or equivalent paid work experience. Must be ARDMS certified. Appointees not possessing an ARDMS certificate must obtain this required certificate after the first year of employment.

Possession and maintenance of a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS) card. Appointees not possessing the BLS card must successfully complete appropriate training and qualify for the BLS card within 60 days of employment.

Knowledge of: ultrasound technique, methods, operation and care of equipment; structural and organic anatomy; acute care hospital procedures; occupational and safety precautions for ultrasound work.

Ability to: Understand and follow written and oral instructions; administer emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; maintain records and files; deal tactfully and professionally with patients, physicians and staff; ability to maintain the strictest levels of confidentiality; effective verbal and written communication skills and computer knowledge.

Employees must maintain all health requirements designated by Kern Medical.

A background check will be conducted for this classification.