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PURPOSE

The purpose of this practice direction is to clarify the circumstances for use of point of care ultrasound (POCUS).

APPROVED CIRCUMSTANCES FOR USE OF POINT OF CARE ULTRASOUND

Reserved act 10(a) as stated in the College of Paramedics General Regulation, describes two situations where point of care ultrasound may be used with approved additional training*

- Advanced Care Paramedics may use POCUS to facilitate Intravenous Cannulation.
- Critical Care paramedics may use POCUS for the purpose of assisting with the diagnosis and emergency treatment of:
 - Intra-abdominal free fluid or blood
 - Pericardial fluid or blood
 - Organized cardiac contractile activity
 - Abdominal aneurysm
 - Pneumothorax
 - Pleural fluid or blood
 - Facilitating IV Cannulation

*See Practice direction "Additional Training for Reserved Acts".