

# SONOgramme

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## SONOGRAPHY CANADA NEWS



### The Sonography Canada CPD Video Library is up and running again!

We have completed some additional website upgrades and members can, once again, access the [video library](#) to help them complete Sonography Canada's triennium for continuing professional development (CPD) requirements. Check it out and start earning your credits today!



### Sonography Canada Annual Conference

Over the past month, staff have poured over the valuable feedback provided by attendees, 55% of whom took the time to complete our feedback survey. Overall, 92% indicated that the conference exceeded or met their expectations. There's always room for improvement and, with planning for next year's event already underway, we're taking all feedback into consideration. **Why not save the date today and make plans to join us in Calgary, Alberta from May 8 to 10, 2020.**

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)



### Reminder - Sonography Canada August Webinar: Adventures of an Ultrasound Locum

Locums are a way for you to see the world while doing what you love! At our next webinar, Sonography Canada welcomes our member and Canadian trained sonographer Shelley Morris DMS, CRGS, CRVS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS, HCPC who will share how she has challenged and enhanced her skills and knowledge while working in exciting and exotic destinations. **Earn 1 sonography-based CPD credit by participating in this one-hour webinar ... free to members.** [Register now](#) for this session that takes place on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. EST!

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE TIP



### Social Media for Practicing Sonographers

Do you have an opinion, idea, event, or resource you want your social network to know about? While personal and professional social media platforms can be very useful media for education, discussion and information sharing and are seen as a beneficial communication tool, members must be cognizant of the professional principles, policies and guidelines which govern its use to ensure protection of patient privacy as well as public and professional safety. Go to page 24 of the [Sonography Canada Professional Practice Guidelines and Member](#)

[Policies](#) to learn more. This month's tip is this: **Maintain professional boundaries.**

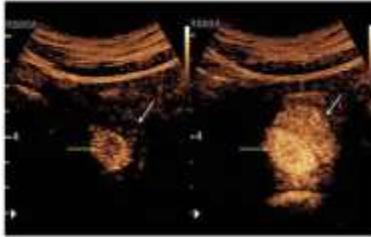
## INDUSTRY NEWS

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### The value of surveying the kidneys during pelvic ultrasound examinations

Pelvic ultrasounds are commonly performed for various clinical indications in female patients presenting to the hospital. A survey of the kidneys is routinely included as part of the examination. This survey has concluded that indiscriminate uncritical screening of the kidneys in women presenting for pelvic ultrasound is not evidence-based and represents a low-yield examination with extremely low rate of incidental findings of clinical significance.



### [Ultrasound and contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging in the diagnosis of acute aortic pathologies](#)

Conventional ultrasound is worldwide the first-line imaging modality for the prompt diagnosis in the daily practice because it is a cost-effective and easy to perform technique. The additional application of contrast media has been used to enhance the intravascular contrast and to improve the imaging diagnostic accuracy in the detection, classification and follow-up of vascular pathologies. Contrast-enhanced ultrasound has the advantage of being a safe, fast and dynamic non-invasive imaging tool with excellent results in the diagnosis of acute aortic pathologies, especially the detection of endoleaks after endovascular aneurysm repair. This review describes the diagnostic and therapeutic roles of ultrasound and contrast-enhanced ultrasound imaging in the most common vascular pathologies such as aortic dissections, aneurysms and endoleaks.



### [Infective Endocarditis Prevalence 26 Percent in Patients With \*E. faecalis\*](#)

This is the conclusion of a study published in the July 16 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. These results have led to the recommendation to increase the use of echocardiography for patients with *Enterococcus faecalis* bacteremia.

## ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY



### **Join the Professional Practice Committee**

Sonography Canada is still looking for enthusiastic volunteers eager to get involved and make a difference. Help advance the profession and your career by joining the Sonography Canada [Professional Practice Committee](#). We are looking for one (1) Canadian Registered General Sonographer (CRGS®), one (1) Canadian Registered Cardiac Sonographer (CRCS®), one Canadian Registered Vascular Sonographer (CRVS®), and one (1) educator willing to commit to a two-year term. Complete the [application form](#) and express your interest **on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**.

## FEATURED MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT



### **National Job Postings and Alerts**

Employers turn to Sonography Canada when they are looking for new employees. Now you can turn to us as well to find your next job opportunity. [Access a list of open positions across the country](#) and receive email messages promoting job postings that may be of interest to you.

## LATEST JOB POSTINGS

### [Diagnostic Imaging Technologist III](#)

Janeway Children's Hospital  
St. John's, NL

### [Diagnostic Sonographer I](#)

Alberta Health Services  
Calgary, AB

### [Diagnostic Medical Sonographer - Ultrasound](#)

Port Perry Imaging  
Port Perry, ON

[See more employment opportunities](#)

## CALENDAR

The following are key dates to remember and plan for over the next month.

- August 19** Sonography Canada August Webinar: [Adventures of an Ultrasound Locum](#)
- August 31** Deadline to express interest by submitting your [volunteer application form](#) to join the Sonography Canada [Professional Practice Committee](#).