Elbow



Depending on clinical presentation, exam may involve complete assessment of 1 of 4 quadrants described below or may be focused on specific structure

1. Anterior

- Long and short images of humeroradial and humeroulnar joints
- Long and short images of coronoid and radial fossa
- Dynamically evaluate annular recess of neck of radius with forearm pronation and supination
- Radial and median nerve if clinically warranted
- Distal Biceps tendon attachment to radial bicipital tuberosity
 - Medial, lateral, and dorsal approaches may also be useful to evaluate distal biceps tendon
 - Evaluate for distal biceps attachment abnormalities or tendon tear
- Evaluation of brachialis muscle and adjacent radial and brachial vessels if clinically warranted

2. Lateral

- Common Extensor Tendon
 - Greater than 4.2 mm indicative of tendinosis
- Lateral (Radial) Collateral Ligament
 - Dynamic testing with hand in pronation to supination to test integrity of RCL
- Proximal attachments of extensor carpi radialis longus and brachioradialis
- Radial nerve including its deep branch entering supinator muscle

3. Medial

- Common Flexor Tendon
 - Evaluate for tendinosis
- Ulnar Collateral Ligament
 - Dynamic test by adding valgus force to wrist with elbow slightly flexed to test integrity
 - Greater than 2 mm distance between medial epicondyle and ulna indicative of UCL abnormality
- Ulnar Nerve
 - Ulnar nerve in cubital tunnel between olecranon process and medial epicondyle
 - Max cross-sectional area 10 mm²
 - Dynamic imaging with elbow in flexion and extension to test for subluxation

4. Posterior

- Triceps tendon
- Posterior joint space
- Olecranon fossa and fat pad
- Olecranon bursa



SONOGRAPHER NOTES

INDICATIONS				DATE/TIME	
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				Additional Fi	ndings/Limitations
Anterior	Joint Space		☐ Normal		
			1 Abnormal		
	Distal Biceps Te		☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal		
Lateral	CET	☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal			
	RCL	☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal			
Medial	CFT	☐ Normal ☐ Abnormal			
	UCL	☐ Normal☐ Abnormal			
Ulnar Nerve/		_ mm²			
Cubital Tunnel	Dynamic	☐ Normal☐ Abnormal			
Posterior	☐ Normal	☐ Abnormal			
Comments					
SONOGRAPHER CONFIRMATION: My signature confirms that instructions have been provided to the conscious patient regarding this exam, that US utilizes sound waves rather than ionizing radiation, and that coupling gel is used to improve the quality of the exam. Sonographer's Signature					
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