Clinical Protocol

Neonatal Head

Coronal and sagittal planes with following minimum images:

CORONAL

- 1. Anterior-most view including orbits
- 2. Frontal horns
- 3. Frontal horns at level of third ventricle where choroid seen in roof of third ventricle
- 4. Atria and occipital horns of lateral ventricles
- 5. Posterior brain tissue

SAGITTAL

- 1. True sagittal midline view
- 2. Oblique parasagittal image of caudothalamic groove
- 3. Lateral ventricles including frontal, temporal and occipital horns
- 4. Images of brain tissue lateral to the ventricles (to include Sylvian fissure)
- Caudothalamic groove view obtained by starting in true sagittal plane and slightly rotating heel of transducer laterally.
- Choroid plexus should be seen coursing in anterior direction cephalad to thalamus, tapering to point in depression between thalamus and caudate nucleus.
- Choroid should always be seen to taper in region; any echogenic material in caudothalamic groove should be considered possible bleed.
- Remainder of lateral ventricles imaged with transducer in parasagittal plane.

Refer to AIUM practice guidelines for additional views if necessary.