



# SOUND DIAGNOSTICS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

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## STAT Procedures

Procedures that are sometimes ordered take precedence over routine studies are known as **STAT** Procedures. **STAT** Procedures are ordered when a physician feels that there is an immediate danger to a patient's life. These exams must take priority and addressed within a very short time period.

## STAT Exams

The following exams may be ordered as STAT and must have the accompanying diagnosis:

- Venous Doppler Ultrasounds to Rule Out Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
- Obstetrical Ultrasounds to Rule Out Fetal Demise
- Testicular Ultrasounds to Rule Out Torsion

## Response Time

Every conceivable effort must be made to respond to a site within **ONE Hour** of the initial phone call. If you are not able to get to the site within the hour time frame, you must let the site know and speak with the ordering physician or a qualified individual, so the physician can make a determination on how to proceed.

## Documentation

All **STAT** Procedure correspondences must be documented in its entirety. Information that must be collected is:

- Date and Time of Initial Phone Call
- Who you spoke with
- Steps to accomplish getting to the location
- Time of Arrival at location
- Time the exam was started
- Time the exam was ended
- Time exam was sent to the interpreting physician



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- Time of phone call was made to the interpreting physician
- Time the information was called and emailed to the main office

If unable to get to the site within the time frame:

- Date and time of initial phone call
- Who you spoke with
- Reason for not being able to get to site
- What steps the ordering physician plans to take
- Time information was conveyed to the main office

**STAT Procedures are of SERIOUS nature and MUST  
be treated as such!**