

Advanced ultrasound for benign anorectal conditions: is it worthwhile?

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Abstract: Ultrasonographic assessment of benign anorectal disorders is used to identify the anatomy of fistulous tracts, to evaluate the integrity of the anal sphincters in fecal incontinence, and the presence of rectocele, intussusception, enterocele, or dyssynergy in evacuation disorders (ED). However, despite its potential benefits, colorectal surgeons have not widely embraced this imaging modality, and often prefer magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). As a consequence, it is crucial to question the true value of ultrasound in clinical practice and determine if it can be deemed mandatory.