

Ultrasound in Critical Care Courses Use SonoSite Systems



Delegates attending the Derby Ultrasound in Critical Care (DUCC) training courses are gaining valuable hands-on experience using SonoSite's point-of-care ultrasound systems, as Course Director Craig Morris explained: "I began using echocardiography about 10 years ago. The FATE (Focus Assessed Transthoracic Echocardiography) Protocol had just been published, and the whole notion that non-cardiologists could deliver point-of-care ultrasound was really exciting. Ultrasound is a mainstream technology now – I use SonoSite's X-Porte™ and Edge® systems in my daily practice at the Royal Derby Hospital – and, with the introduction of accredited courses, training has become more formalised."

"DUCC is an independent organisation offering courses in echocardiography and lung ultrasound, approved by the FICE (Focused Intensive Care Echo) group of the Intensive Care Society.

SonoSite provides point-of-care ultrasound systems for these courses – usually X-Porte or Edge instruments – allowing theory to be complemented with practice, and enabling students to acquire hands-on scanning experience. The instruments are easy to use, very robust, and the image quality is excellent; the five-year warranty is another important feature. I can find very little in the price range that competes with them. SonoSite has a clear understanding of point-of-care ultrasound and is very supportive, and the local representatives are very attentive."

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