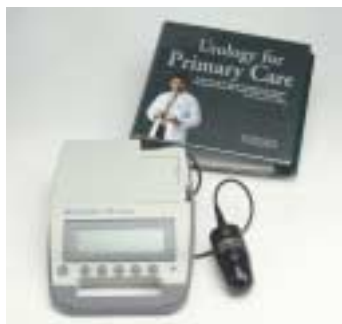


Diagnostic Ultrasound Releases Comprehensive Manual on Urology For Primary Care



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BladderScan(TM) Aids Primary Care Physicians

BOTHELL, Wash., June 15 /PRNewswire/ -- Diagnostic Ultrasound has announced publication of a clinical education procedures manual to help primary care providers treat patients with common urological conditions. The manual was written by Richard Pelman, M.D., a board-certified, practicing urologist at Bellevue Urology Associates, Bellevue, Wash. Pelman is a clinical professor of Urology in the University of Washington (UW) School of Medicine and immediate past president of the Washington State Urology Society. Diagnostic Ultrasound is the maker of the BladderScan, an instrument that uses noninvasive, ultrasound technology to rapidly reveal the amount of urine present in the bladder.

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Pelman said that formerly there was less need for primary care providers to familiarize themselves with treatment options because there weren't any medications available. However, all that changed in 1994 with the introduction of terazosin (Hytrin) and other medications that followed.

"The primary care physician is now on the front lines to treat many of these conditions and we want to do everything we can to ensure that they have correct information so that they can make a proper diagnosis," said Pelman.

Common conditions discussed in the manual include: bladder outlet obstruction (BOO), lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS), urinary tract infections (UTI), lower abdominal/pelvic pain, urinary retention and overactive bladder. Other chapters will be added to the manual in the future about other conditions related to urology such as erectile dysfunction.

Gerald McMorro, president and founder of Diagnostic Ultrasound, said he hopes the expanded role of the primary care provider will mean more people will be treated for common problems such as incontinence and benign prostatic hyperplasia. "We believe, too, that the BladderScan can help provide the diagnostic information that's needed to indicate the proper therapies," he said. He added that the BladderScan holds the potential for drastically reducing incontinence problems because it gives physicians a useful tool in assessing patients and also preventing catheterization.

Pelman said the BladderScan measurement of post-void residual urine could

be used as an easy non-invasive tool for sorting out patients with high prostate symptom scores who have developed chronic urinary retention, also helpful in evaluating and managing patients who may have neurogenic bladders. "The BladderScan's ease of operation, portability and reliability make it an excellent choice for primary care practices," said Pelman.

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