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**Growth Disturbances–Risk of Fetal Growth Restriction**

**Variant 1: Growth disturbance. Low risk for fetal growth restriction. Initial evaluation.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US pregnant uterus transabdominal	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	9
		References		Study Quality											
		26 (26031399)		3											
US pregnant uterus biophysical profile	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	0	4	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		27 (2404302)		4											
US duplex Doppler fetal umbilical artery	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		31 (2178428)		3											
US duplex Doppler maternal uterine artery	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		28 (26112630)		3											
		30 (24277892)		3											
		29 (28712949)		3											
US duplex Doppler ductus venosus	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

US duplex Doppler fetal middle cerebral artery	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**Variant 2: Growth disturbance. High risk for fetal growth restriction. Initial evaluation.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US pregnant uterus transabdominal	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
US pregnant uterus biophysical profile	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	4	1

References	Study Quality
27 (2404302)	4
18 (16319247)	3
32 (-3130664)	4

US duplex Doppler fetal umbilical artery	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	2	0
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References	Study Quality
35 (7755042)	M

US duplex Doppler ductus venosus	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	1	9	3	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
19 (17267821)	3

US duplex Doppler maternal uterine artery	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	1	0	5	4	0	1	0
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References	Study Quality
33 (25810352)	3
34 (25346413)	2

US duplex Doppler fetal middle cerebral artery	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	2	6	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
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## **Appendix Key**

A more complete discussion of the items presented below can be found by accessing the supporting documents at the designated hyperlinks.

**Appropriateness Category:** The panel's recommendation for a procedure based on the assessment of the risks and benefits of performing the procedure for the specified clinical scenario.

**SOE:** Strength of Evidence. The assessment of the amount and quality of evidence found in the peer reviewed medical literature for an appropriateness recommendation.

- **References:** The citation number and PMID for the reference(s) associated with the recommendation.
- **Study Quality:** The assessment of the quality of an individual reference based on the number of study quality elements described in the reference.

**RRL:** Relative Radiation Level. A population based assessment of the amount of radiation a typical patient may be exposed to during the specified procedure.

**Rating:** The final rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

**Median:** The median rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

**Final tabulations:** A histogram showing the number of panel members who rated the procedure as noted in the column heading (ie, 1, 2, 3, etc.).

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