Ultrasound education in the COVID-19 frame

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we work, the way we interact with our patients and the way we provide the best medical care. Ultrasound practice and education was not an exception, and suddenly we find ourselves chained in restrictions that cannot be ignored.

In this the new pandemic era, the ultrasound transducer remains a powerful and needed medical tool that can be safely used. Despite our initial fears, we now realize that we can perform ultrasound examinations without jeopardizing the safety of our patients and our own safety. Personal protective equipment and additional hygiene measures in health care facilities can make it possible for us to keep up with our training skills. In addition, the pandemic also opened the door to online learning and to make more use of the digital educa-

tional resources that many professional organization/societies provide for students, including EFSUMB. The online platform includes examination techniques video, a course book, a basic ultrasound image atlas and a weekly US image challenge.

The COVID-19 forced us to stop, but now it is time to get our students back on track, to get them back to the ultrasound rooms and hands-on sessions, as long as safety measures are strictly met (ultrasound equipment disinfection, hand hygiene, personal protective equipment – facemask, gloves, limiting the number of participants, everyone has to keep a 1.5 m distance). For more guidance on how to keep a safe environment for teaching ultrasound, tutors can apply some of the measures issued in the WFUMB position paper: How to perform a safe ultrasound examination and clean equipment in

the context of COVID-19. Moreover, to make the procedure even safer, the possibility of using training models and phantoms for ultrasound training seems a very good option in this context. However, students need to get used to this "new way of life", as long as they need to learn ultrasound. That is the way we are planning to slowly get back to a "new normal" for student ultrasound education in Portugal. Our patients and our students need our skills, so let's continue with our mission.

"Adaptability is not limitation. It means power of resistance and assimilations." Mahatma Gandhi

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Postgraduate courses:

- Point of care Ultrasound (POCUS)
- Ultrasound for the General Practitioner
- Breast Ultrasound
- Muskuloskeletal Ultrasound

- Emergency and Critical Care Ultrasound
- Vascular Ultrasound
- Ultrasound in Gynecology
- Echocardiography

Other topics:

- CEUS
- Elastography
- Ultrasound in Urology
- Ultrasound in Dermatology
- Neonatal and Pediatrics
- Gastrointestinal US
- EUS
- Interventional US
- Head and Neck

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20 JAN 2021

25 FEB 2021

10 MAY 2021

Deadline abstract submission

Deadline early bird registration fee

Deadline regular registration

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Registration type	Early registration Before 25.02.2021	Regular registration Until 10.05.2021	On site From 11.05 & On site
WFUMB/EFSUMB/SRUMB member (Proof of membership is required)	300 Euro	400 Euro	600 Euro
Non member	450 Euro	550 Euro	700 Euro
Fellow in training (residents)/ PhD students	150 Euro	250 Euro	300 Euro
Medical Student Only Wednesday or Thursday 30 Euro/day	70 Euro	70 Euro	100 Euro
Sonographer	200 Euro	300 Euro	400 Euro