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PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

DATE: **March 15, 2020**
TO: **All PSUOG Members**
SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
STRATEGIES FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN OB-GYN
ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

In accordance with the directive of the Department of Health Technical Advisory Group, and the guidelines formulated by the Inter-Agency Task Force to impose stringent social distancing measures in the light of the rising cases of COVID-19 in the country, the Philippine Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology would like to make the following recommendations while the situation is still critical:

1. To limit ultrasound procedures to high-risk and/or emergency obstetric and gynecologic cases.
2. To wear protective gear like masks and gloves while doing the scans.
3. To follow institution and WHO/DOH recommendations if a PUI/PUM patient needs to be scanned.

We understand the need of our patients to have an ultrasound procedure, especially pregnant patients. However, it would be more prudent to postpone their scans after the situation is under control. These recommendations are to protect both the doctor and the patient in as much as social distancing cannot be followed during an ultrasound scan.

Please be guided accordingly.

Sincerely,

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