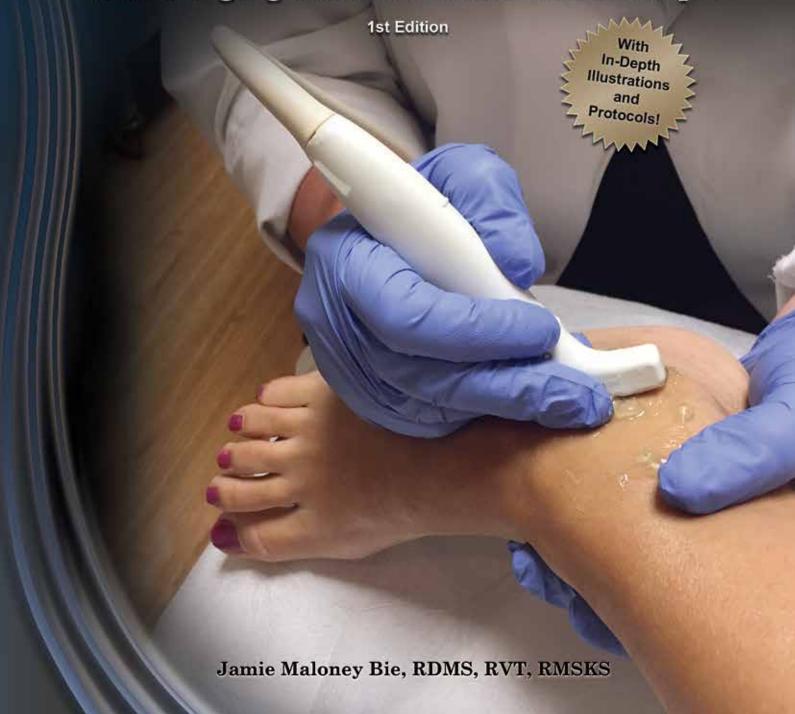


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A Comprehensive Guide to MSK Imaging and Interventional Techniques



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Dear Colleague,

My interest in creating a MSK "How To" manual was ignited early in my exposure to MSK ultrasound. I quickly found that there was no educational material that covered MSK ultrasound in sufficient depth for a beginner to become proficient in musculoskeletal ultrasound. Being registered in multiple modalities, I am passionate about understanding the fundamental principles of each modality, a passion which I believe contributes greatly to developing critical thinking skills. After years of searching, I was unable to find a text that delivered what I needed – so, I decided to write my own.

Through my years of experience and teaching in the field, I have found that many facilities are interested in performing MSK ultrasound but do not have sonographers with the requisite skills. Since MSK ultrasound is a fairly new ultrasound specialty, most ultrasound programs do not include it in their curriculum. This lack of formal training compels sonographers to learn either on the job or from independent study. I was very fortunate to be mentored by Greg Wilde, MD, a MSK fellowship trained radiologist. Most sonographers do not have the luxury of working side-by-side with a physician experienced in MSK ultrasound.

This text is designed as a pictorial step-by-step protocol guide so as to clearly depict each step the sonographer should take in order to accurately identify and document pertinent MSK structures. Because a thorough knowledge of anatomy and structural origin and attachment is critical in being able to identify MSK structures, each section begins with an anatomy review which includes the origin and insertion point of muscles. Protocols are presented with paired ultrasound images: one annotated image outlining anatomical structures and the other a corresponding non-annotated image. These paired images provide an easy method of learning to recognize structures. In hopes of shortening the learning curve, I have included "CheckPoints" which are tips and techniques of image optimization that I have learned over the years.

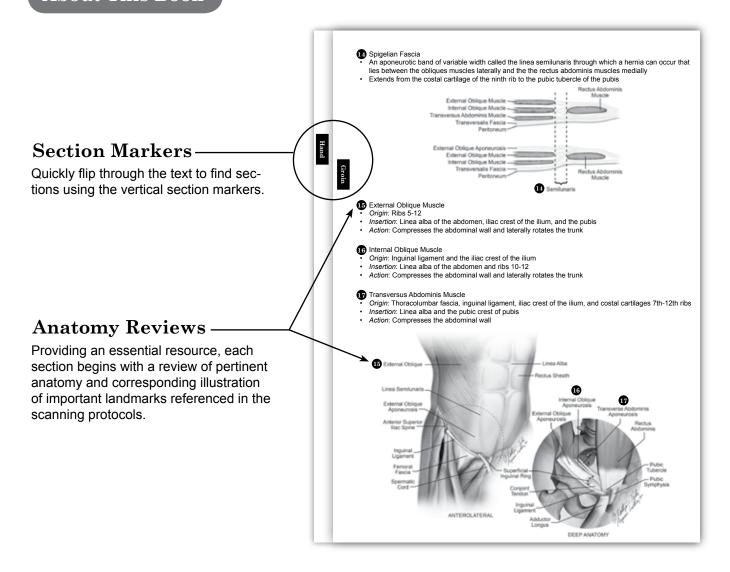
I hope that you find this text to be a valuable guide in your ultrasound practice.

Best wishes for your success,

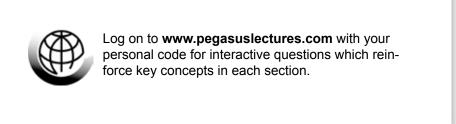
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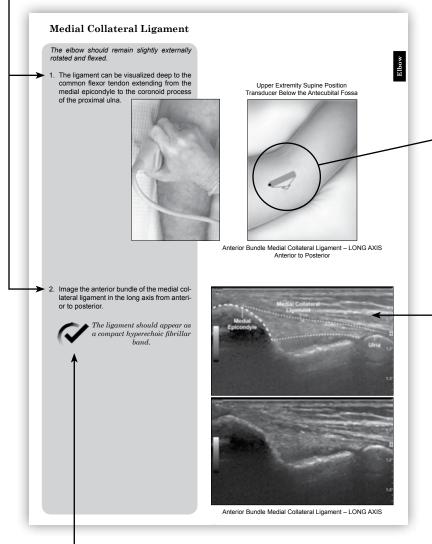
#### **Additional Online Material**



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#### Step by Step Protocol

Each protocol section offers a detailed narrative of the scanning protocol (left, gray column) with the corresponding ultrasound image (right column) for easy visualization of concepts.



#### Transducer Overlays

Each protocol includes a photograph of proper body position with a transducer overlay, noted notch position, and direction in which to scan.

#### Ultrasound Overlays

Ultrasound images are shown in pairs with one image showing important structures outlined and annotated for ease of identification and the other image focusing on the ultrasound image without annotation.



#### **CheckPoints**

Found throughout the protocol sections, Check-Points provide valuable tips and techniques for image optimization.

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