

Seattle Children's Indications for Fetal Echo Referral

CONSIDER EARLY FETAL ECHO: Available at Seattle Prenatal Center only (between 14 to 17+6 weeks + f/u echo at 20-22 weeks to complete anatomy)	
CHD in 1st degree relative to fetus with complex congenital heart disease (ie. Single ventricle, heterotaxy, etc.)	
Fetal Karyotype Abnormality	
DEFINITIVE FETAL ECHO INDICATIONS (estimated risk \geq 3%) Standard Timing 18-22 weeks (after anatomy scan): See exceptions below*	
Pregestational Diabetes	
Diabetes in first trimester	
Uncontrolled phenylketonuria (preconception level >10mg)	
SSA/SSB positive <i>*timing: fetal echos btw. 16-28 weeks q 2 weeks. Between 16-18 weeks, functional cardiac assessment + PR interval only; assess anatomy after 18 weeks</i>	
Fetal Rhythm abnormalities <i>*timing: whenever referral comes in even if before 18 weeks</i>	
Maternal 1st Trimester Medications (ACE inhibitors, Retinoic Acid, NSAIDs 3rd trimester)	
1st trimester Rubella infection	
Maternal Parvo, Coxsackie, Adenovirus, Cytomegalovirus	
Congenital Heart Disease in 1st degree relative to fetus	
Fetal Karyotype Abnormality	
IVF (in-vitro fertilization) if provider or patient concerns	
Cardiac Anomaly identified via ultrasound	
Unable to clear heart on ultrasound	
Extracardiac Anomaly identified via ultrasound <i>fetal echocardiogram should be performed in all fetuses with identified extracardiac abnormalities unless the specific anomaly is known to confer low risk (like isolated cleft lip) and has been well demonstrated by other testing (including obstetric scan that includes normal 4-chamber and outflow tract views) to be isolated. Examples below:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omphalocele • Duodenal Atresia • Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia • Central Nervous Malformations • Genitourinary Malformation • Neural Tube Defect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVM's and Vein of Galen • CPAMS/Lung Masses • Rhabdomyomas • SCTs • Mild Isolated Micrognathia w/ normal anatomy: ECHO Not needed • Severe Micrognathia with EXIT planned: Needs ECHO • Micrognathia with heart NWS: Needs ECHO
Increased Nuchal Translucency 3.5mm or greater	
Monochorionic Twins	
Absent Ductus Venosus	
Hydrops or effusions	

Fetal Indication List

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**CONSIDER FETAL ECHO - DISCUSS WITH REFERRING PROVIDERS + PATIENT
(estimated risk 2-3%)**

Standard Timing 18-22 weeks (after anatomy scan)

Maternal Medication:
Vitamin A, Paroxetine, NSAIDS 1st + 2nd trimester

Increased Nuchal Translucency 3.0 to 3.5 mm

FETAL ECHO NOT INDICATED

(estimated risk \leq 1%)

Standard Timing 18-22 weeks (after anatomy scan)

Gestational Diabetes

Maternal medications (SSRIs, Coumadin, Anticonvulsants, Lithium,)

Maternal infection (other than those listed above)

Maternal Obesity (BMI > 30)

2nd degree or greater (to the fetus) of congenital heart disease

Family History of patent foramen ovale, patent ductus arteriosus

Previous child with T21, T18, T13, 22q + heart anomaly

Family history of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfans, Ehler-Danlos

Nuchal translucency less than 3.0 mm

Single Umbilical artery (ie. 2 vessel cord) or abnormal placenta)

In vitro fertilization with normal cardiac views on anatomy scan

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