

Ultrasound referrals Cochran

We are excited to announce that our hospital is prepared to accept abdominal ultrasound referrals in partnership with the Oncura Telemedicine Service. Our doctors have recently completed the Oncura certification program for abdominal ultrasounds to improve our internal medicine diagnostics for our clients and the clients of community hospitals.

This is a referral service for the benefit of your patients and would allow improved diagnostics for your patients. You will receive detailed reports from board certified specialists [associated with Oncura] within a 12-48 hour standard turnaround time. Stat Services are available within 2 hours if necessary for additional costs. In our experience, not every client is amenable to traveling to a large referral hospital, nor the cost associated with those hospitals. We hope we can remedy that situation with the Oncura Telemedicine Service for our area.

We have available 3 doctors to perform full abdominal ultrasounds or organ focused ultrasounds with specialist consultation. Situations that would benefit from abdominal ultrasounds: increased liver values, suspected Cushing's disease, urinary tract assessment[chronic elevated renal values, uti's, etc], suspected free abdominal fluid, suspected pancreatitis, splenic tumors, etc.

What is required from you?

Medical records with an accurate history that include previous bloodwork, primary presenting problem, medications, treatment, etc. A referral is required for clients for this service. You, as a veterinarian will receive the ultrasound interpretation from the Oncura Telemedicine Service. We are only the middle man and are not providing a second opinion or a diagnosis.

What is required from your client and information for your client---

- This will be a scheduled drop-off appointment.
- Pet must be fasted for 12 hours.
- Do not allow urination prior to drop-off.
- Sedation with anesthesia may be required.
- An ultrasound certified veterinarian will be performing the ultrasound and will have continual monitoring by a trained technician and the consultation will be submitted to a board certified specialist.

If your referral requires a treatment plan-please provide the medical record, bw results and results of previous treatments.

Other services provided by Oncura are radiograph consults, and can be combined with an ultrasound consult, and they also have internal medicine consultations available in addition to the basic abdominal ultrasound.

Basic set up for a referral and what will happen within our setting:

Depending on pet and presenting conditions sedation and/or anesthesia may be necessary to get the best ultrasound images for review. The pet will be examined prior to anesthesia by the veterinarian . The full abdominal ultrasound will have 70 images submitted, with the recommended measurements of organs as required by the specialists. This takes an hour of time for the ultrasound exam and then the specialist will review the images once finished and ensure no other images will be needed or repeated.

If you would like an internal medicine consult it requires that bloodwork be submitted so therapeutic recommendations can be made from a board certified specialist.

We have plans to increase services to eventually include echocardiography.

Please submit records to cvhstaff@windstream.net; phone number 814/425/8311

Referral information:

Client name _____

Client address _____

Age of patient _____

Species _____

Breed _____

Male/Female/Neuter/spay _____

Presenting complaint _____

Pertinent medical history _____

Test results _____

Current medications _____

Previous surgery if applicable _____

Attached estimates include range to cover sedation vs anesthesia and consult with service performed. Please call for other estimates if radiographs are also needed.

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