

ABDOMINAL AORTA

Knowing when to scan the abdominal aorta



Is there an abdominal aortic aneurysm?

If a patient presents with hypotension and back pain, you would want to rule out a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA).

The standard of care for assessing an abdominal aneurysm is with ultrasound.

A POCUS scan would provide the results quickly.



An AAA found during a POCUS exam should be considered ruptured until proven otherwise.