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RE: Injection of Contrast Media

Dear

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners has received and reviewed your submitted question, "Are echo-sonographers allowed to inject patients with contrast during an ultrasound procedure?" In answer to your question, the Board has opined the following:

Injection of any contrast media requires a physician's order and presence. The physician who is to respond to the patient's needs and who has consented to be responsible should be immediately physically available (on the premises) when a technician injects contrast media, and injections of contrast media by a technician should be allowed only when the physician is immediately physically available (on the premises).

Sincerely,
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