



## CLINICAL GUIDELINES

# Fetal Anomaly Scans (FAS)- by medical sonographers

A guideline is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guideline, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following a guideline, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

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# Greater & Glasgow & Clyde Obstetric Guidelines

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All women are offered a Routine FAS between 18+0 and 20+6 weeks. The FAS scan will be targeted at a gestation of 20weeks.

The following are agreed indications for FAS performed by medical sonographers.

MCDA Twins

Maternal Diabetes Type 1 and type 2

Epileptics on anticonvulsants

FH congenital cardiac anomaly (1<sup>st</sup> degree relative)

Fetal abnormality suspected at earlier scan

Previous fetal abnormality amenable to ultrasound diagnosis

Fetal viral infection

Unexplained increased nuchal translucency

Any woman who has been exposed to a known teratogen which may cause problems amenable to ultrasound detection. \* Clinician must organize a literature search and ensure that this is available in the notes for the medical sonographer to access at the appointment.

Discuss with medical sonographer any cases of uncertainty as to what grade of sonographer is most appropriate for a particular circumstance.

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