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ISUOG statement on the non-diagnostic use of ultrasound in pregnancy

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In recent years, ultrasound clinics whose primary purpose is to provide souvenir two-dimensional or three-dimensional (3D) images or video recordings of the developing baby have become commonplace. In light of well-publicized concerns about ultrasound safety and the potential for anxiety to be caused by incorrect diagnosis and, in certain cases, for false reassurance to be given, the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISUOG) does not endorse ultrasound scans

undertaken solely for non-diagnostic purposes in these settings. In this context, the distinction between clinics offering diagnostic obstetric or gynecological ultrasound performed by practitioners who are trained, certified and recognized by national and/or professional bodies and those settings undertaking ultrasound scans without these safeguards, whose primary intent is 'souvenir ultrasound', is important.