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Sonography Expert Witness Reports

Whilst the expected standard of ultrasound practice is the same, there are several important differences to consider when selecting a sonographer or a midwife sonographer: their clinical background, their scope of practice and the context that they bring when interpreting information. This is why we work with both sonographers and midwife sonographers at Bush & Co; to provide you with the exact experience you need for your case.

Different professional backgrounds

Midwife sonographers are first qualified and registered as midwives before undertaking specialist sonography training. A sonographer may come from a range of professional backgrounds, most commonly radiography, before specialising in sonography.

Standards of practice

Regardless of the professional background, both are expected to perform and interpret obstetric ultrasound examinations to the same recognised professional standards and national guidance. They are also held to the same competency requirements for the examinations they undertake.

Breadth of clinical experience

A midwife sonographer brings their experience of the wider maternity pathway, including antenatal care, labour, birth, postnatal care and foetal wellbeing.

A sonographer may bring broader ultrasound experience across multiple specialities, including obstetrics, gynaecology, abdominal, vascular or musculoskeletal imaging, depending on their career pathway.

Whilst the technical ultrasound standards are the same, each professional brings a different breadth of clinical experience.

Why does background matter?

In some medico-legal cases, the issue extends beyond imaging or interpretation and includes wider clinical decision-making, communication, escalation and the broader management of pregnancy. Matching an expert with a similar professional background can help ensure the wider clinical considerations are fully understood.

At Bush & Co, we recognise that whilst the expected standard of ultrasound practice is the same, some cases benefit from an expert whose professional background closely reflects that of the clinician whose care is under review. This helps to ensure that the opinion considers both the technical ultrasound aspects as well as the clinical context in which decisions were made, whilst also helping to avoid unnecessary challenge of the expert's background.

In recognising these distinctions, we have developed a network of associate expert witnesses that includes both midwifery sonographers and sonographers, allowing us to match the expert's training, experience and clinical background to the specific issues involved with each case.

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