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The development of high-frequency devices and transducers in recent years has enabled the growth of the use of dermatologic ultrasound. Real-time monitoring of the anatomy of the face during the application of aesthetic injectables potentially prevents complications such as vascular occlusions. Injecting physicians starting out in the practice of ultrasound-guided injections are commonly faced with practical questions about its use. In this article, based on the experience with ultrasound-guided filler injections of 2 large clinical centers in 2 countries, the authors summarize the steps involved when setting out to use ultrasound to guide injectable aesthetic procedures, such as fillers and biostimulators. First, the authors discuss factors that guide the choice of equipment and ultrasound transducers to perform the procedures. Next, a detailed discussion on practical issues related to the procedure is provided. The authors then consider the positioning of operators and equipment in the treatment field. The authors conclude by suggesting 2 possible techniques to guide injectable procedures: (1) scan before injecting or (2) scan while injecting.

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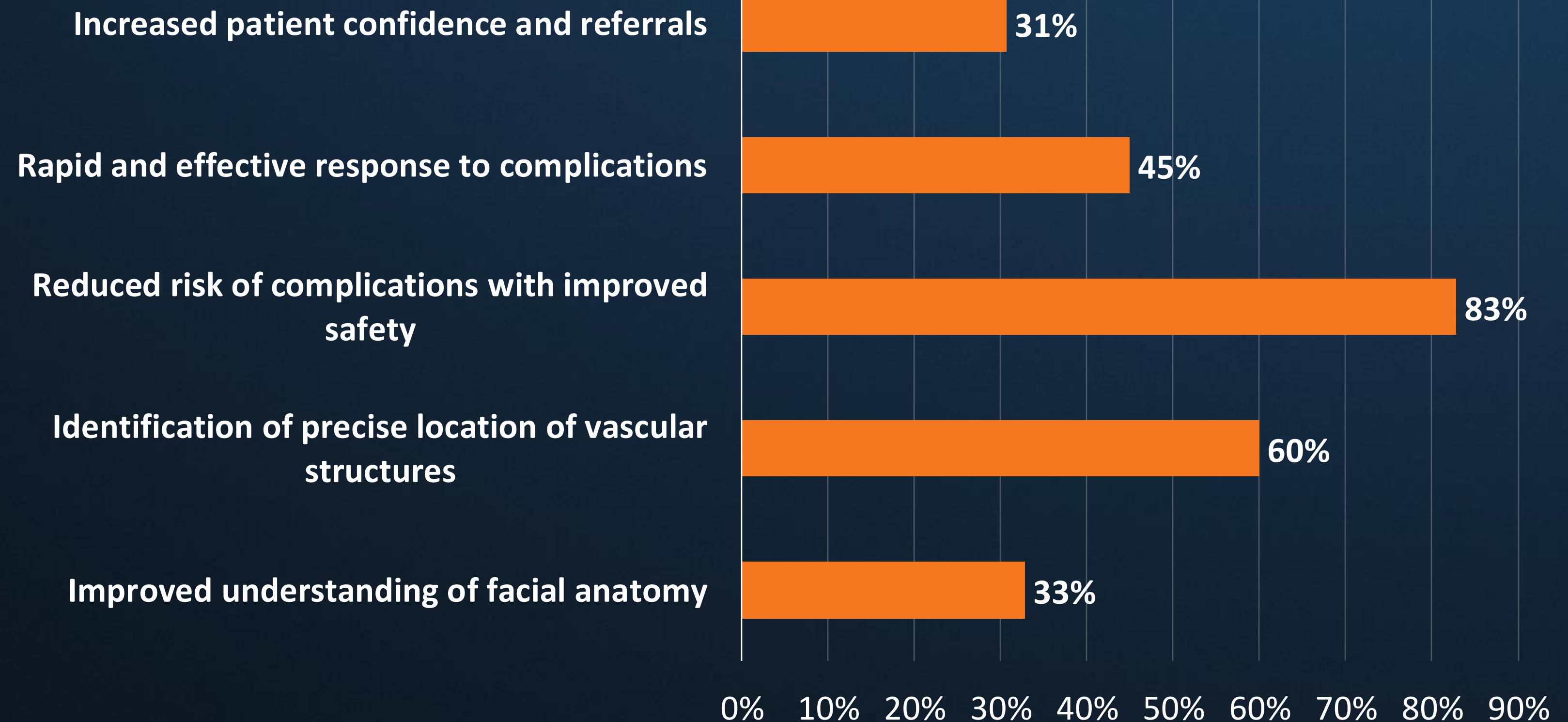
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What key benefits do you see ultrasound bringing to facial aesthetics?



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Ultrasound & Safe Mapping™ For Injections: Avoid Complications like a Pro

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Where SafeMapping™ Came From...



Plagued By the Idea of a VO...



- But now I can't get away from them!

“Vascular Map”?

- Vascular Mapping felt onerous
- How to “mark” this mess
- Do we need to map this... ?



How To Integrate It?

- To do this 



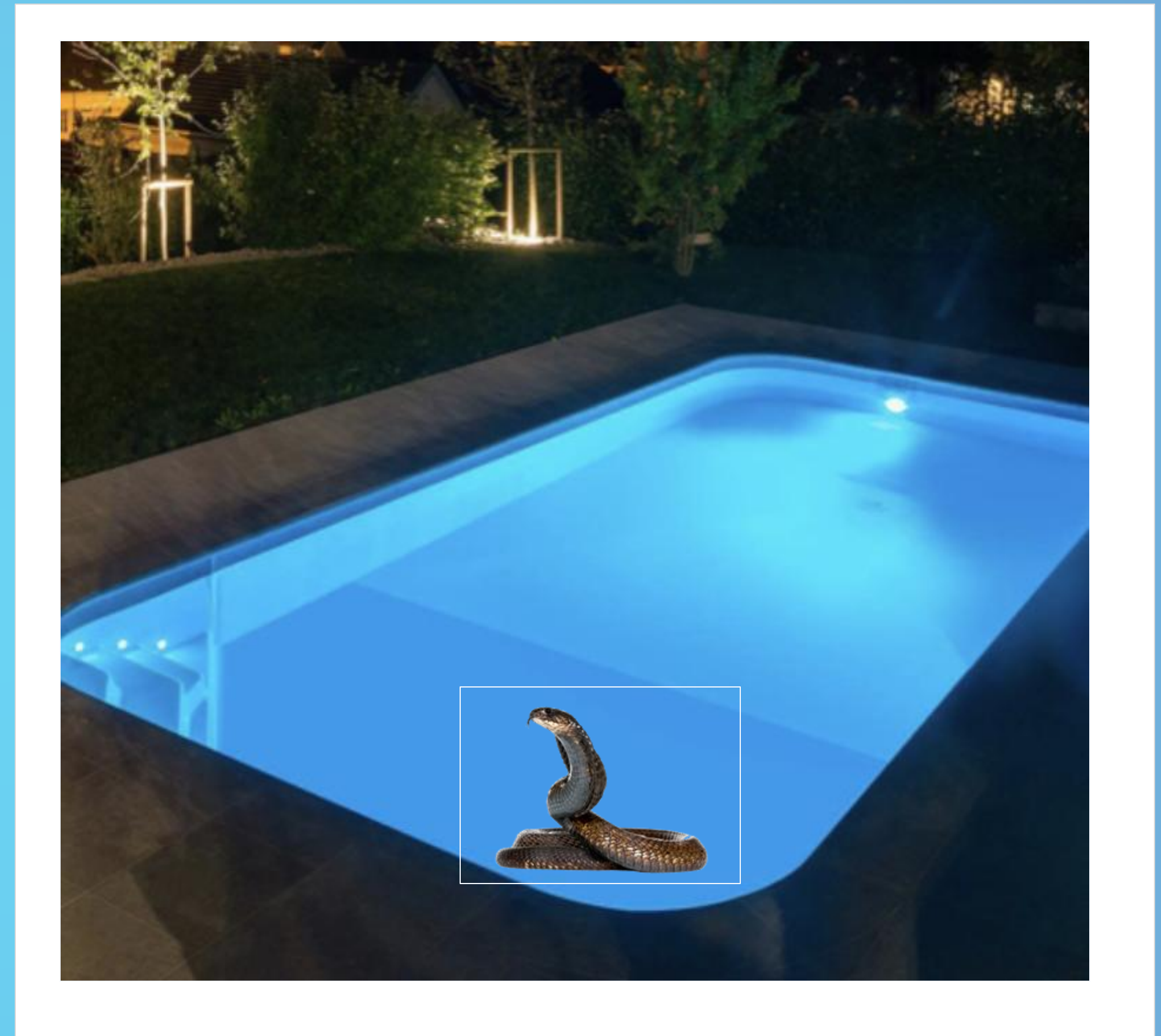
3 Phases of Integrating U/S in Aesthetics

1. Checking if it's safe to Inject, then inject: Safe Mapping™
2. Watch while you're injecting: Ultrasound Guided
3. Managing complications



What is Safe Mapping™?

- Checking if it's safe to Inject, then inject
- Pros: It's easy, can watch correction
- Cons: Not live feedback, in higher risk areas, ultrasound-guided approach may be more appropriate



Which areas to SafeMap™?

- Chin
- Cheeks
- Prejowl Sulcus
- Gonial Angle
- Temples +/- (must be a pro-safe mapper™!)



**Better for ultrasound-guided
(higher risk!):**

- Temples
- Pyriform

Safe Mapping To Avoid This...



- Transverse Artery Occlusion

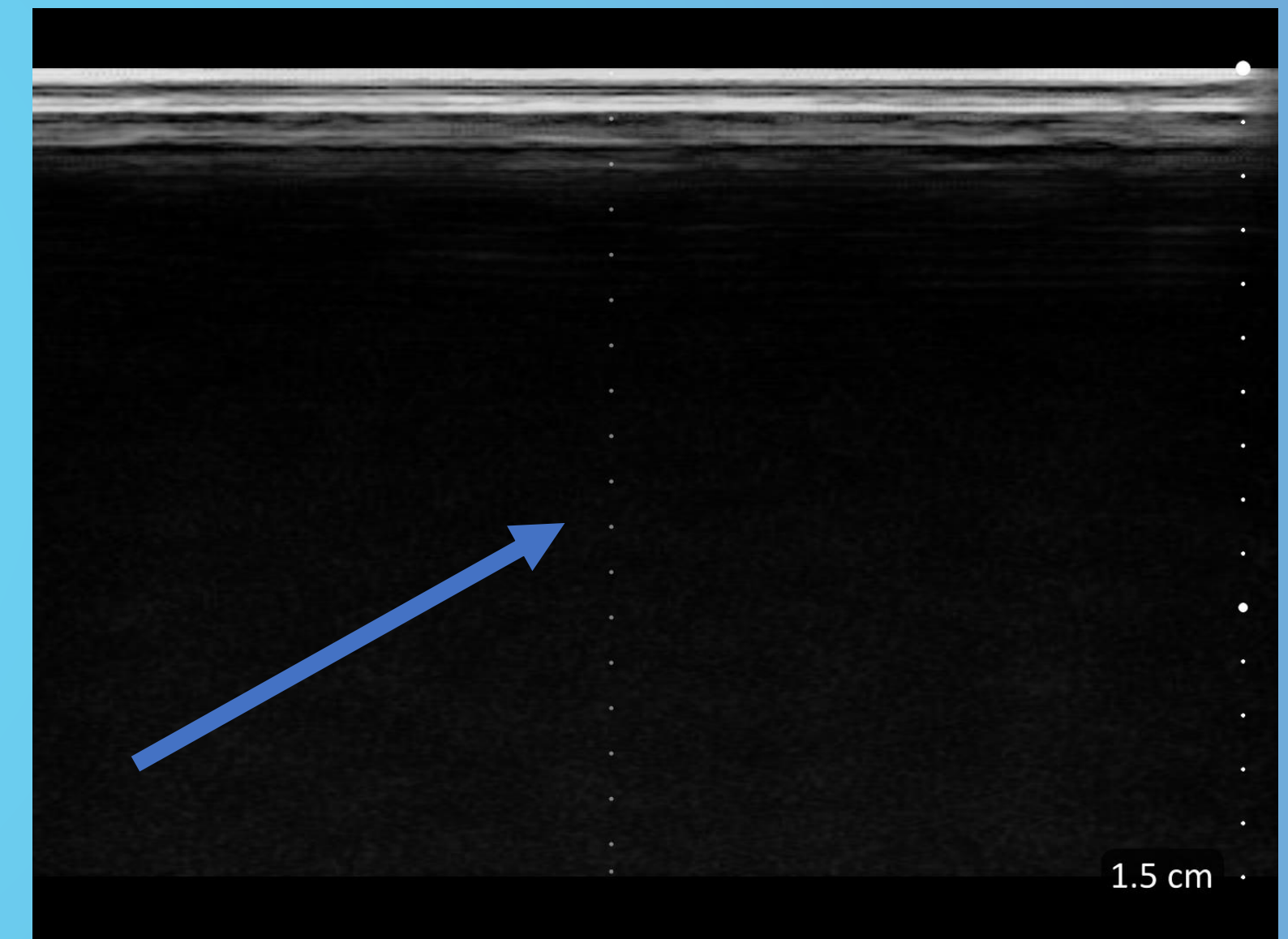
SafeMap™ : 4 Simple Steps



1. Where do I want to put filler? Circle it.
2. Put the ultrasound on, midline marker on
3. Power Doppler On
4. PART: Pressure, Alignment Rotation Tilt

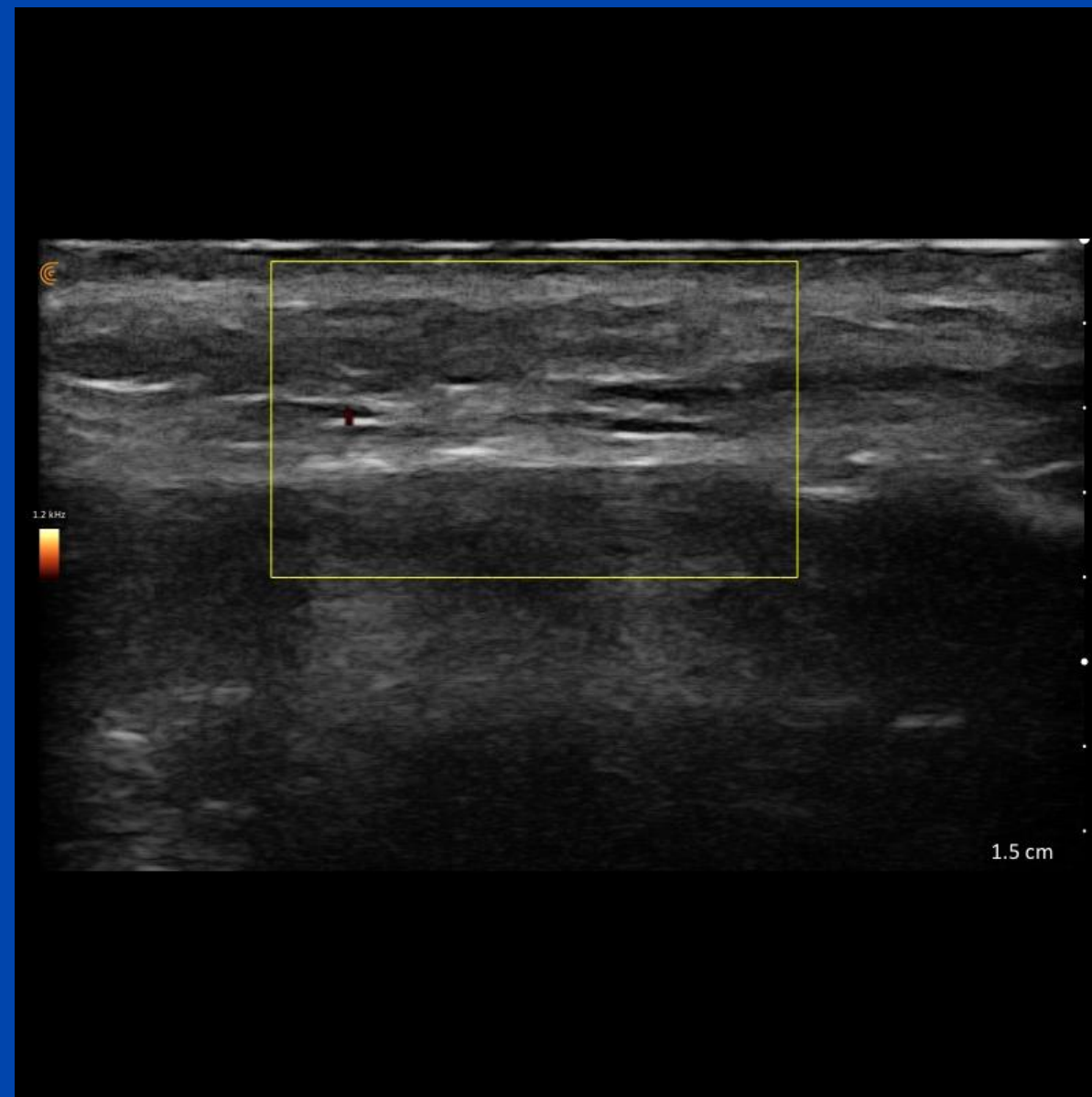
Midline Marker!

Your crosshairs! The midline marker-corresponds to the midline marker on the screen.
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P.A.R.T.: Pressure

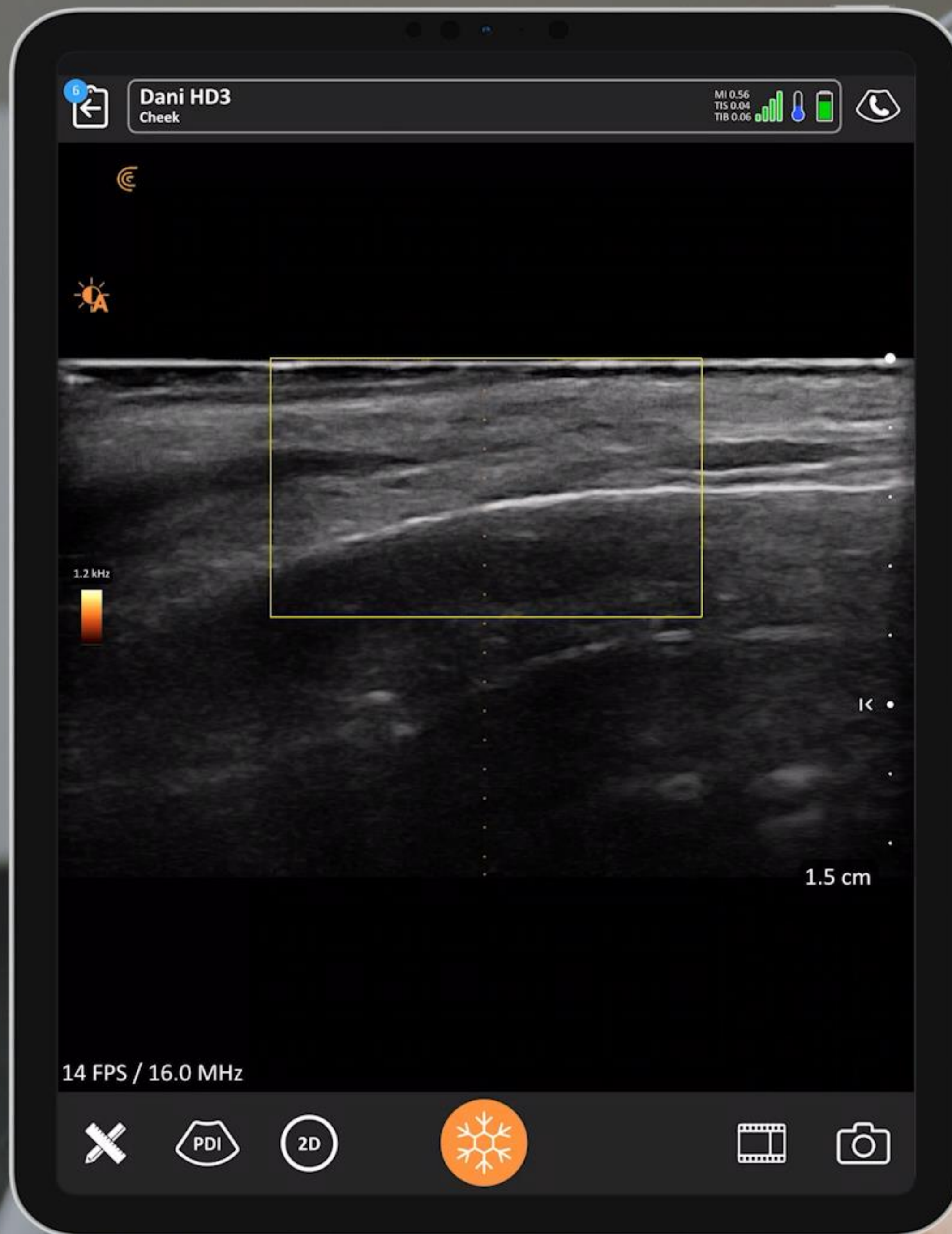
- Pressure: Pressing Hard vs. Releasing



Pressing Hard

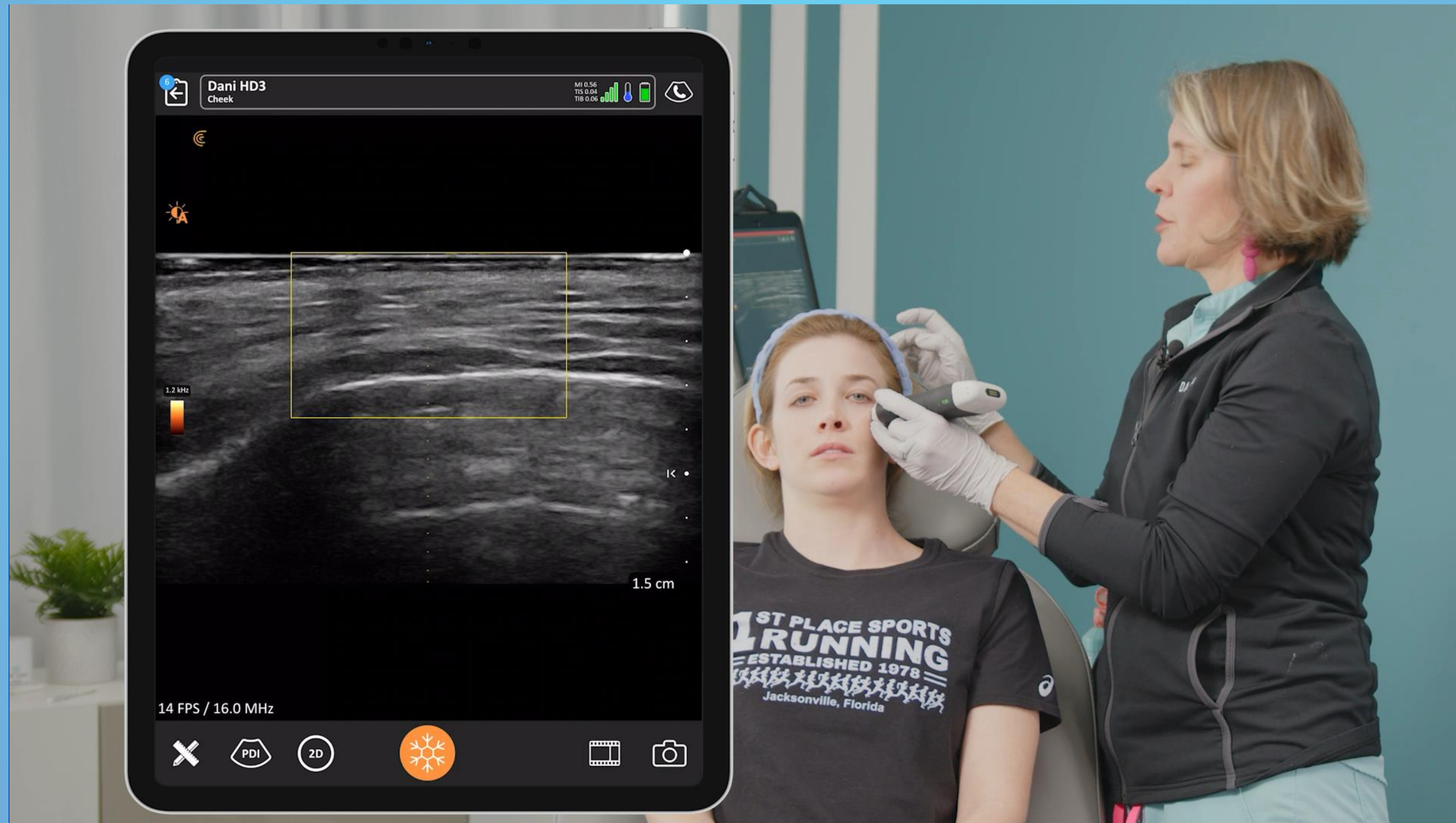


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P.A.R.T.: Alignment

- Are you on top of your target?

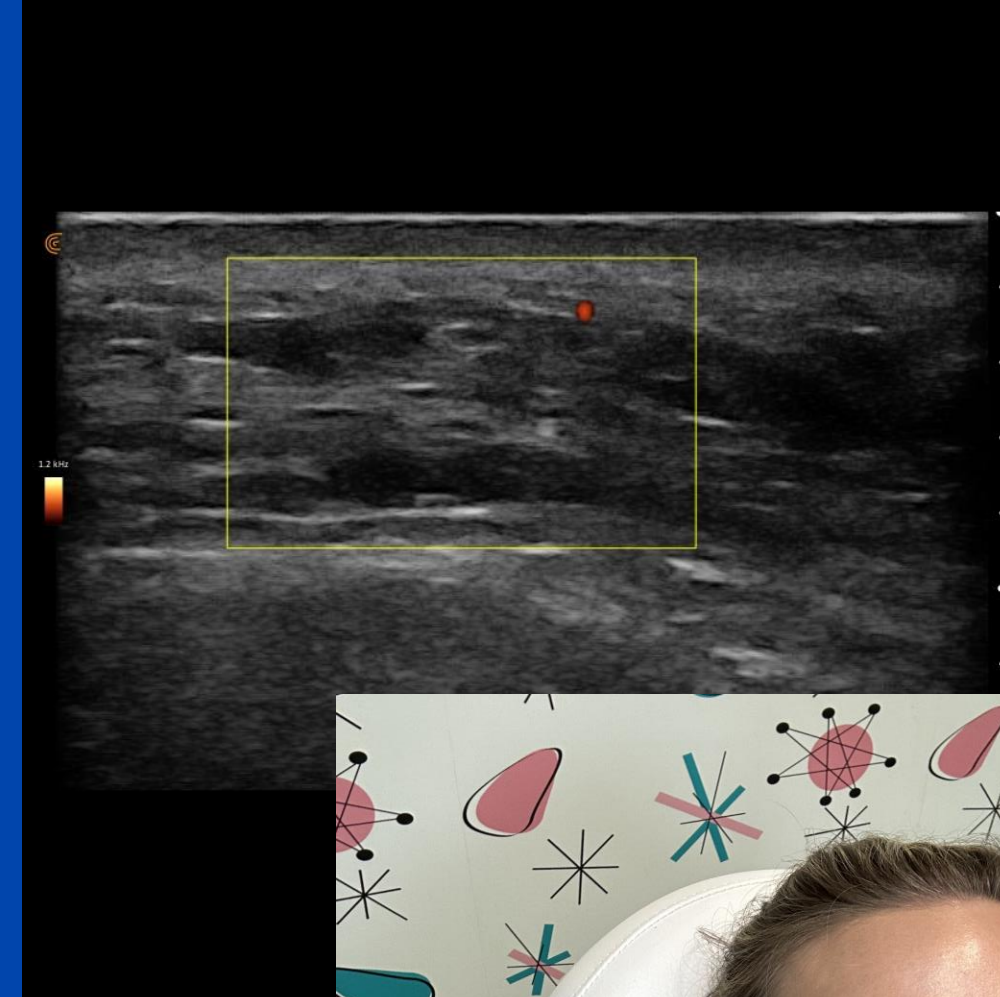
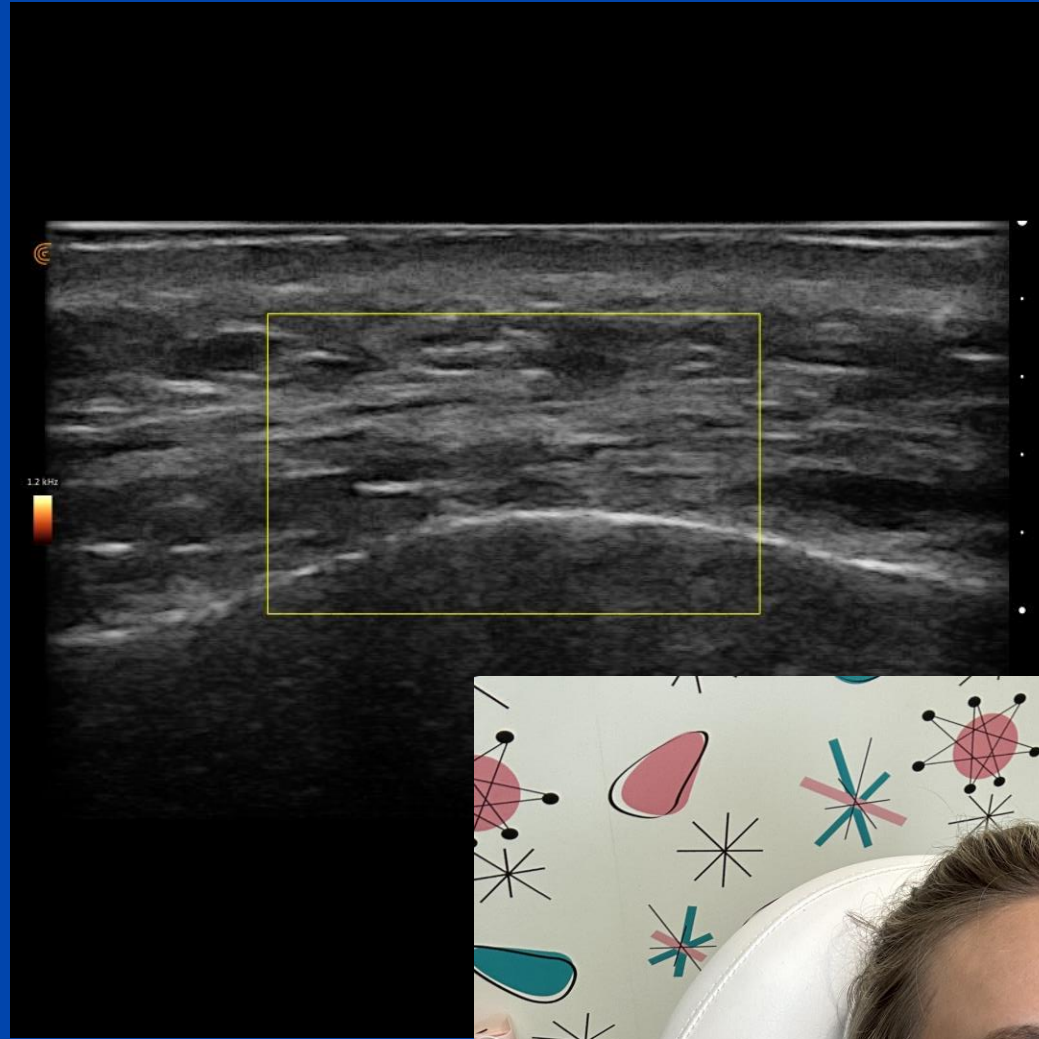


P.A.R.T.: Rotation

- Are you on top of your target?



P.A.R.T.: Tilt

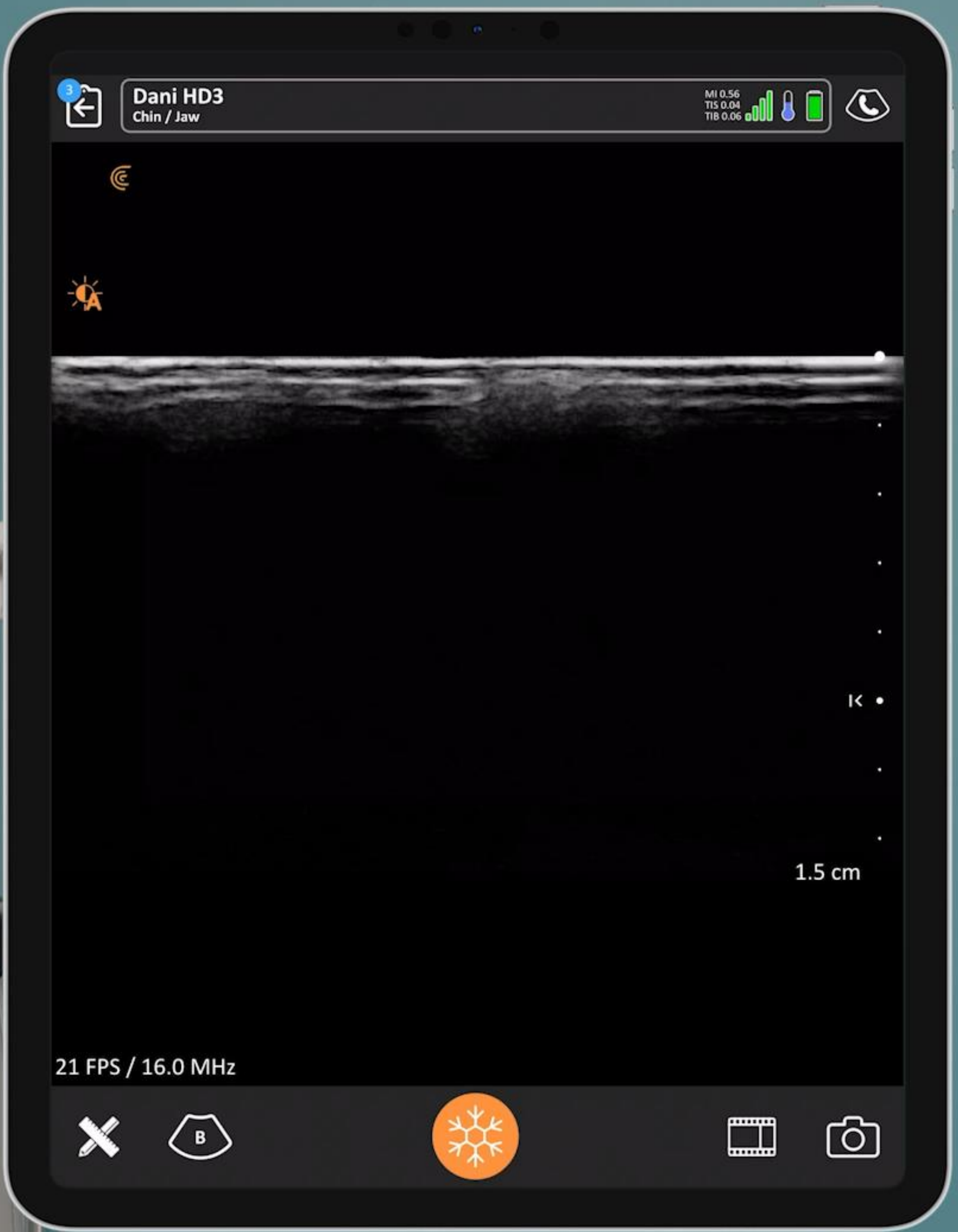




Gonial Angle – Radiesse Occlusion

- Facial artery

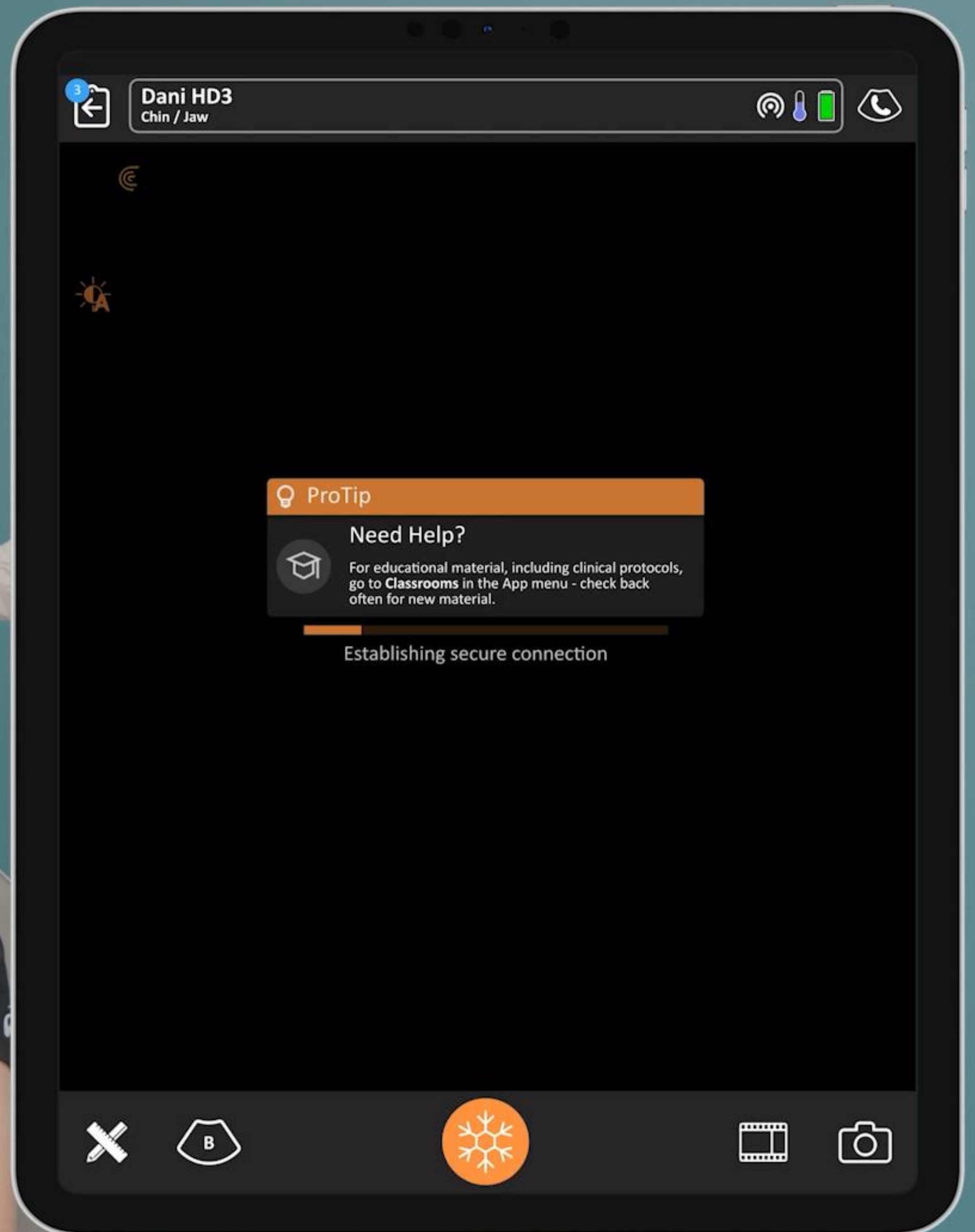




Safe Map™ of The Chin

- Ascending Submental Artery Occlusion





In Short... SafeMap™ Advantages!

1

Not “mapping”
the course of a
vessel

2

Easier to find a
precise needle
spot rather
than a vessel
course

3

Good for
beginners

4

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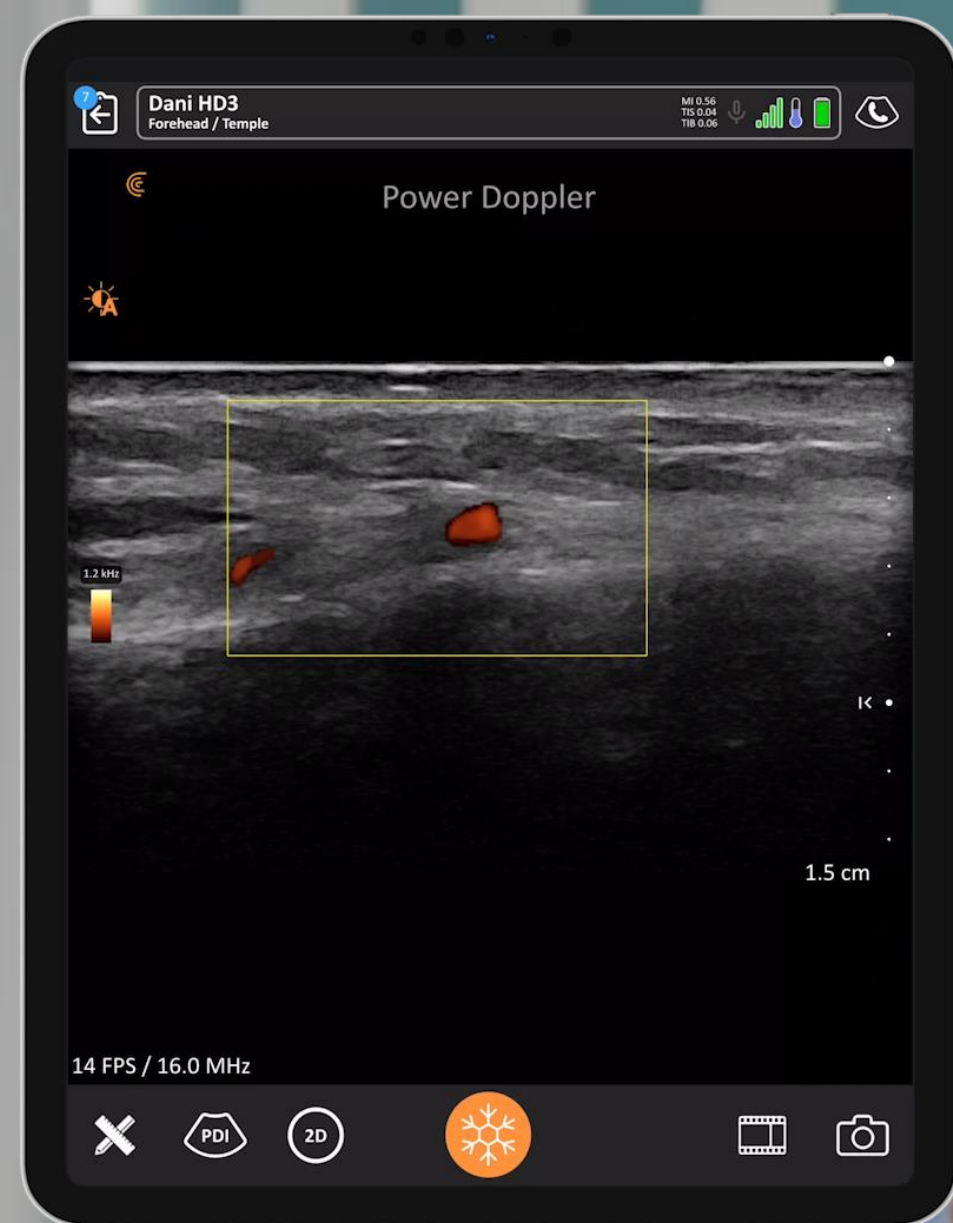


Live Demonstration



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“The **minimum transducer frequency for dermatologic ultrasound should be 15 MHz.** Higher transducer frequencies may provide further information that may be relevant (broad agreement 8/9, 88.9 %).

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ABSTRACT

Dermatologic ultrasound is a recent application of ultrasound for the evaluation of healthy skin and appendages and their diseases. Although the scientific literature regarding this application is still not sufficient for evidence-based guidelines, general recommendations issued by scientific societies are necessary. The EFSUMB (European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology) steering committee for dermatologic ultrasound has developed a series of consensus position statements regarding the main fields of dermatologic ultrasound (technical requirement, normal skin and appendages, inflammatory skin diseases, tumoral skin diseases, aesthetic dermatology and practice-training requirements). This document is the foundation for future evidence-based recommendations and guidelines for dermatologic ultrasound practice.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Dermatologischer Ultraschall ist eine neuere sonografische Anwendung zur Beurteilung gesunder Haut, ihrer Adnexe und deren Erkrankungen. Obwohl die wissenschaftliche Literatur zu dieser Anwendung noch nicht für evidenzbasierte Leitlinien ausreicht, sind allgemeine Empfehlungen der wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaften erforderlich. Der Lenkungsausschuss für dermatologischen Ultraschall der EFSUMB (European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology) hat eine Reihe von Konsensus-Stellungnahmen zu den Hauptgebieten des dermatologischen Ultraschalls erarbeitet (technische Anforderungen, normale Haut und Adnexe, entzündliche Hauterkrankungen, Tumorerkrankungen der Haut, ästhetische Dermatologie und Anforderungen an die praktische Ausbildung). Dieses Dokument bildet die Grundlage für zukünftige evidenzbasierte Empfehlungen und Leitlinien für die Praxis des dermatologischen Ultraschalls.

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Introduction: Point-of-care ultrasound is becoming increasingly popular, and we sought to examine its role in evaluating ocular and periocular structures and facial vasculature. With the large number of point-of-care ultrasound devices available, it is difficult to determine which devices may be best suited for ophthalmic and facial aesthetic applications. This study compares five popular handheld point-of-care ultrasound devices to help guide clinicians in choosing the device best suited for their needs.
Methods: We compared five point-of-care ultrasound devices: Butterfly IQ+ (Butterfly, Burlington, MA), L15 (Clarius Mobile Health, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), L20 (Clarius Mobile Health, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), Lumify (Philips, Amsterdam, Netherlands) and Vscan Air (GE, Boston, MA). Three ophthalmologists obtained the following views on three volunteers: eight arteries, four ocular and periocular structures and areas of filler injections. The image quality of each view was graded on a four-point Likert-type scale. In addition, graders filled out a survey. The data were analysed using analysis of variance tests with the significance level set to $p < 0.05$.
Results: In terms of overall image quality, the L20 received the highest mean rating, followed by the L15, Vscan Air, Butterfly IQ+ and the Lumify ($p < 0.05$). With further stratification for structure type, the L20 was ranked first for filler, artery and orbital imaging ($p < 0.05$).
Conclusions: The L20 received the highest image quality rankings. While image quality is an important aspect of point-of-care ultrasound device selection, other factors such as cost, wireless capabilities, range of presets and battery life should also be considered.

Keywords
Handheld ultrasound, point-of-care ultrasound, ultrasound-guided filler injection, Butterfly IQ+, Clarius, Vscan Air, Lumify

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Introduction
Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) devices have become increasingly popular in a wide range of healthcare specialties in recent years. Their portability, accessibility and lack of radiation have made them especially attractive among available imaging modalities.
In the field of ophthalmology, ultrasound is useful for a variety of applications, including A-scans, B-scans and ultrasound biomicroscopy (UBM) to evaluate for intraocular pathologies such as retinal detachments, tumours, vitreous inflammation, intraocular foreign bodies and extraocular

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