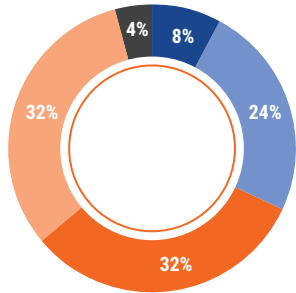


The POCUS Clinical Certificates are comprised of two assessments:  
a Clinical Case Based Assessment and a Peer Evaluation.



## Clinical Case Assessment

The Clinical Case-Based assessments were developed using a standard template that has been customized for each content area. Clinical scenarios are presented to candidates in audio and/or video formats (with closed-captioning and written scripts). Ultrasound media and assessment questions are presented at key points during the patient encounter. Questions are designed to assess the following:

<b>Standard POCUS Views: 8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Familiarity with normal exploration paths</li> <li>Recognition of when patient condition or presentation requires deviations from the normal exploration paths</li> <li>Identification of regions or basic POCUS views described in consensus documents or protocols</li> </ul>
<b>Anatomical Features: 24%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to recognize and identify various anatomical features in M-mode and 2D/B-mode images, color Doppler, spectral Doppler</li> </ul>
<b>Sonographic Findings: 32%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of common sonographic artifacts or measurements</li> <li>Ability to identify artifacts that may aid in diagnosis</li> <li>Recognition of sonographic patterns and their implications for diagnosis</li> </ul>
<b>Diagnostic Findings: 32%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability to determine and confirm an initial diagnosis using integrated POCUS media and clinical information</li> <li>Understanding and recognition when it is not possible to obtain an initial diagnosis through POCUS</li> </ul>
<b>Renal/Genitourinary Pathologies: 4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of common pathologies and conditions identified through Renal/Genitourinary POCUS (including but not limited to: Hydronephrosis, Bladder blood clots, Bladder mass, Renal cyst(s), Intrarenal calculus, Misplacement or Obstruction of the urinary catheter, Nephrolithiasis, Polycystic kidney disease, Renal mass, Ureterolithiasis, Ureteropelvic junction calculus, Ureterovesicle junction calculus, Urinary retention)</li> <li>Must comprehend that it is sometimes not possible to get a diagnosis and recognize when this is the case</li> <li>Must know how to determine or confirm a diagnosis using created images</li> <li>Ability to comprehensively consider all case information (images, patient presentation, labs, etc.) to determine an initial diagnosis</li> </ul>

## Peer Evaluation

When applying for Clinical Certificates, you will be asked to provide the names and email addresses of clinicians with a clinical background in ultrasound who are familiar with your ability to obtain clinically-relevant renal/genitourinary Point-of-Care Ultrasound images. The POCUS Certification Academy™ will contact of these individuals to ask them to complete a short questionnaire regarding their impressions of your renal/genitourinary Point-of-Care Ultrasound abilities. Assessment results are based on the first two evaluations received. Each of the evaluated areas is weighted at 16.67%. Peer Evaluators will be asked about the following:

<b>Diagnostic Quality</b> Ability to obtain images of diagnostic quality	<b>Gain</b> Demonstrate proficient use of gain settings	<b>Depth</b> Demonstrate appropriate use of depth setting and center the area of interest on the screen	<b>Views</b> Demonstrate proper transducer placement	<b>Measurement</b> Ability to use appropriate measurement techniques	<b>Pathology</b> Acquired and interpreted Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) images related to most common Renal/Genitourinary pathologies for which POCUS is appropriate
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