

## The Online Theory Course.

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Absolutely Free.



## Free Online Theory Course

The Fetal Medicine Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of our new online theory course. The new course:

- covers all the important aspects of first trimester screening for chromosomal abnormalities, diagnosis of major fetal defects and screening for preeclampsia
- contains the most up-to-date information on all 5 first trimester markers, detection rates and techniques
- satisfies the requirement of a theory course for those who would like to become accredited in Nuchal Translucency, Nasal Bone, Fronto Maxillary Facial Angle, Ductus Venosus, Tricuspid Flow and Uterine Artery Doppler
- will be required for those who have attended a course and those seeking annual reaccreditation with the FMMF
- is approximately 3 hours in duration and you can begin, stop and resume at any time
- offers a "For Patients" version for patients who wish to learn more about first trimester screening
- is available in 18 languages

On the following page you will find instructions for the new online course and the accreditation process.

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# Accessing the Online Theory Course

Go to [www.fetalmedicineusa.com](http://www.fetalmedicineusa.com)

1. Click on 'Free Online Course'
2. Scroll down the page and click 'Medical Practitioner'
3. Some computers will show some security options, choose to 'Continue to this Website'
4. If you have an existing FMF ID, please use it. Should you not remember it, please do a search by your name or contact us
5. If you do not have an FMF ID, fill in the online form and click 'Register'
6. After registering for the course you will receive an email confirmation with your username and FMF ID



## Accreditation Process – Submitting Images \*Effective March 1, 2009

Once you have completed the online course, images for accreditation or re-accreditation can now be uploaded directly onto our website. *Please note this new process is effective March 1, 2009.*

- Go to [www.fetalmedicineusa.com](http://www.fetalmedicineusa.com)
- Click on 'Free Online Course' from the menu
- Please enter your username and password
- Click 'Own Page'
- Once there, click on 'Submit Images and Data' and follow the step by step instructions. If you need assistance with your data file and/or are not able to upload your images, please see instructions below
- Please note that you should select 'Audit Type' both for first time accreditation and ongoing audit
- If you are submitting images for the first time, there is a one-time \$100 accreditation fee

## Submitting Images Prior to March 1, 2009? Unable to Upload Images?

A submission form and instructions are available at:  
[www.fetalmedicineusa.com/submissionprocess.php](http://www.fetalmedicineusa.com/submissionprocess.php)

Should you have any problems using any of the new features, please e-mail us:

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# NT Billing Q&A



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**Q:** “Can I bill CPT 76801 OB Ultrasound, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester <14 weeks’ gestation, transabdominal approach along with the nuchal translucency CPT 76813?”

**A:** Yes, but make sure you are documenting the fetal and maternal evaluation in your ultrasound report; along with the nuchal translucency documentation. Also, check with your payers, as some may require a 59 modifier on one of the CPT codes.

**Q:** “I could not obtain the nuchal measurement abdominally, so I proceeded with the transvaginal ultrasound. Can I bill for the TV ultrasound CPT 76817?”

**A:** NO, you can’t bill for the transvaginal ultrasound. The CPT code for the nuchal clearly states transabdominal or transvaginal approach. However, if you needed to proceed with the TV ultrasound to get a better view of the maternal or other fetal anatomy, you can bill for the transvaginal ultrasound using the 59 modifier. You must have complete information as to why the transvaginal ultrasound was needed and your findings from the TV ultrasound documented in your report.

**Q:** “If the patient comes in for the nuchal and is too early/late for the screening, can I still bill for the NT?”

**A:** No, you would use the appropriate CPT code to charge for the service you are performing. ie. 76801, 76817, 76805.

## New FMF Credentialing Process

### Supervising & Interpreting Physicians

We are proud to offer a unique opportunity to physicians who do not scan, but interpret and/or supervise the images obtained by sonographers. Under this new process, physicians have the opportunity to document they have received special training and examination in the theory underlying first trimester screening with ultrasound markers such as nuchal translucency. Within this new system, each physician completing the program will be assigned a special and unique Fetal Medicine Foundation ID number that indicates their Supervisory status. This ID number is clearly differentiated from the 5-digit ID number assigned to those who complete the full credentialing process. Laboratories will continue to only accept samples for combined screening from those fully credentialed, but many laboratories are now accepting samples from Supervising Physicians with these special ID numbers along with the accredited sonographer’s ID number.

To complete this new process, a physician must complete the new online course and pass the examination following the course. This is the same first step everyone must take to become accredited. Once a Supervising/ Interpreting Physician completes the course, he or she must send an e-mail to [NaomiHG@fetalmedicine.com](mailto:NaomiHG@fetalmedicine.com) asking for this unique ID number. Once accredited, the name and ID number will appear in the FMF USA database/weblist and is accessible by any laboratory or insurance company wishing to verify.

For additional information, contact Naomi Greene at [NaomiHG@fetalmedicine.com](mailto:NaomiHG@fetalmedicine.com)

# California & Nevada Practitioners

An Important Announcement for Physicians and Sonographers

The State of California will soon expand their prenatal screening program into the first trimester. They will only accept NT measurements from those who are fully credentialed. FMF USA have been working with the State Program to help build a database of credentialed persons. The FMF does not share your information with anyone without your permission. Women in California will be able to go to credentialed providers in Nevada as well as CA providers. There will be significant financial advantages for your patients if their first trimester screening is performed by the State, such as low cost testing and free follow-up counseling and invasive testing in the case of screen-positive results.

To find out more about the State Program or to participate, please contact **Naomi Greene**.

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