

It is an honor for me to write this Foreword for the Position Statement for the Journal of Acute Care on the Use of Ultrasound in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). This is a most timely Statement prepared by none other than Professor Kanchi Muralidhar and his expert coauthors from several institutions in India. Professor Muralidhar is currently Academic Director and Senior Consultant and Professor of Anesthesia and Intensive Care at the famous Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. This Statement would be of great benefit to not only physicians and intensivists in the ICU but also other medical and support personnel. Ultrasound and echocardiography, especially point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), have made great strides in recent years. These techniques have gained high popularity in many clinical settings in most hospitals throughout the world including India because they are noninvasive, do not use radiation and are highly cost-effective.

In this Position Statement, rationale and evidence are provided for each application and this is followed by a consensus from a panel of authorities headed by Professor Muralidhar. A big advantage of this work is the inclusion of back-up references at the end of most recommendations rather lumping them together at the end of the manuscript as is customary in most publications. The references are up-to-date and hence this Position Statement represents the most current treatise on the use of ultrasound and echocardiography in the intensive care unit. I would recommend the authors to prepare in the near future another work which would demonstrate "how to do" illustrations and videos as well as provide examples of normal and abnormal findings for each application. This would be a valuable supplement to this most outstanding work.

I congratulate Professor Muralidhar and his team on coming out with this superb, masterly and most useful state-of-the-art Position Statement.

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