

## NZCOM CONSENSUS STATEMENT

### *Ultrasound*

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**The New Zealand College of Midwives does not recommend the routine use of ultrasound, including doppler and cardiotocographic monitoring, during pregnancy and childbirth.**

**The NZCOM recognises that the selective use of ultrasound, with the woman's informed consent, is appropriate where there are specific individual indications.**

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