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Q. How did you become interested in ultrasound as a career?

A. I have always been fascinated with anatomy and the function of the human body. Ultrasound is the perfect medical opportunity to deliver exceptional medical care while assessing the human body from the outside in!

Q. Describe your current role in ultrasound.

A. I am a Senior Sonographer at the University of Iowa in the adult and pediatric Radiology departments! I have been a sonographer for 5 years. In our department we perform various abdominal exams, small parts, Dopplers, musculoskeletal ultrasounds and assist with biopsies.

Q. What do you like most about being a Sonographer?

A. There are so many aspects on being a sonographer that I love! One of my favorite aspects of the career is **continuously growing and learning** in the sonography field. There isn't a day that I leave work without learning or refreshing on various disorders, surgical interventions or sonographic appearance of unique findings. I also enjoy being able to **build a rapport and relationship with my patients**, especially patients we see frequently! It is such a great feeling to be able to correlate their health history and find a solution to why they are having pain or to be a calming presence for them in an uneasy situation.

Q. What is your favorite exam and why?

A. My favorite exam is Liver Doppler and Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS) exams. These exams can be very challenging and require different techniques in order to get diagnostic images and appropriate velocities for the patient.

Q. What advice do you have for anyone interested in the Sonography field?

A. My advice for anyone interested in the program is to inquire about job shadowing to talk to sonographers about the sonography field and watch exams!

Q. Where do you see the future of ultrasound going?

A. Ultrasound has been continuously advancing with innovations to improve image quality, capability of contrast and elastography along with the improvements for biopsy visualization. I believe with advancements we will be able to diagnose lesions more effectively in order to determine if a tumor is benign or malignant with the use of contrast and elastography. As one of my prior radiologists would say, **"Ultrasound is the ultimate" and I am excited to see the future of ultrasound!**