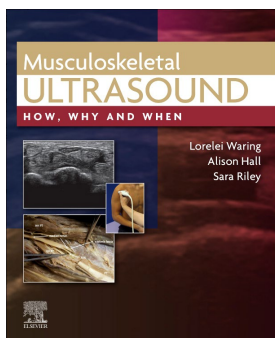


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Book reviewed by Dr Vivien Gibbs, head of department – allied health professions, University of the West of England.

This book is part of the always useful and popular *Ultrasound: How, Why, When* series by Elsevier. All the books in this series are written at a level suitable for a wide-ranging audience, including those new to the subject, but also for more experienced practitioners – and this one does not disappoint.

The book has been edited by three well known musculoskeletal sonographers, with many years of experience between them. A number of leading musculoskeletal practitioners have contributed chapters to the book and, despite their in-depth knowledge, they are able to communicate their material in an easily digestible format, starting with the basics. The book is very comprehensive and covers all the areas needed for a practitioner to begin their involvement in MSK scanning, and progress to become an expert in the field. For the more advanced practitioner, this book has plenty of useful detail, and will prove a valuable reference text for those wanting to refresh or expand their MSK knowledge.

A number of healthcare professionals from a variety of backgrounds currently use ultrasound as a tool to scan MSK conditions, and many may well have been self-taught. This book will provide them with clear guidance on how to improve and develop their practice. The reader is warned about some of the pitfalls of MSK scanning which, as in other areas of ultrasound practice, can lead to misdiagnosis or overdiagnosis by the inexperienced or unwary practitioner.

The book starts with a chapter on the important subject of optimising images, a topic often overlooked by those new to the field. The reader is then introduced to some of the concepts and terminology specific to MSK scanning, thereby helping to demystify the subject, by providing clarity regarding normal anatomical appearances. Each subsequent chapter focuses

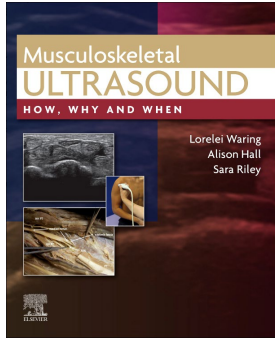
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on a different anatomical area, beginning with normal appearances and variances before expanding on pathological appearances.

All the chapters follow the successful How, Why, When format, with an outline of the chapter, a list of learning objectives, multiple choice quizzes to test understanding at the end of the chapter and top expert tips throughout. Most importantly, there are plenty of clear images, photographs and diagrams to guide the reader step by step through the process of scanning. The illustrations are all of an excellent quality, providing clear guidance for even those with limited background knowledge. The index is also very comprehensive, which is an important aspect of a book such as this in order to guide the reader to the required pages when using it as a reference book or a practical guide.

Overall, this is an excellent book that will make a useful reference text for those experienced in the field. In addition, MSK scanning is often seen as a complex area, which will dissuade many sonographers from getting involved. This book may well change that attitude, and will hopefully inspire those without any previous involvement to begin practising in the field.

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