

**Proposed Levels of competence for echocardiography in ICU.** Emergency echocardiography represents the entry level, whilst Level 1 echocardiography is achieved through a modular training programme, based on blended-learning, proctored practiced, and link to existing national/international echocardiography courses. Completion of this level would allow to undertake accreditation via a recognized examination, then giving access to Level 2 competence training and further accreditation. Cutting edge expertise is represented by Level 3 competence.