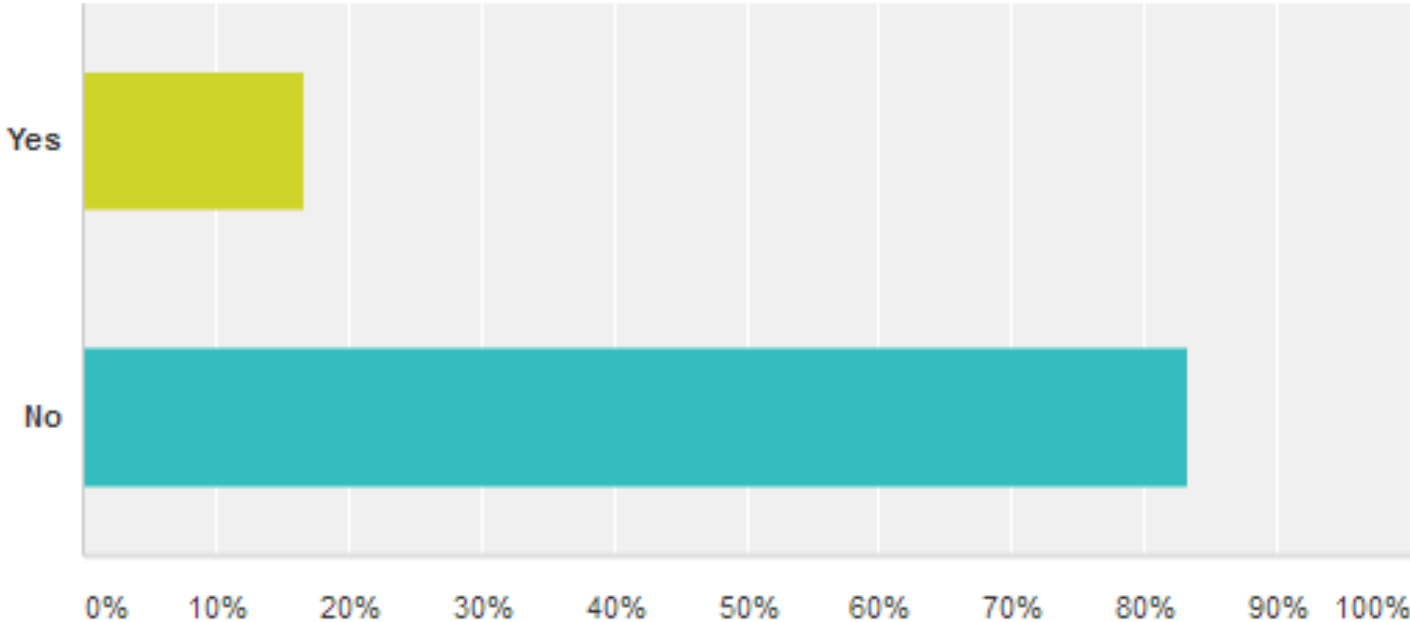


Does your practice utilize technicians to perform ultrasound exams?

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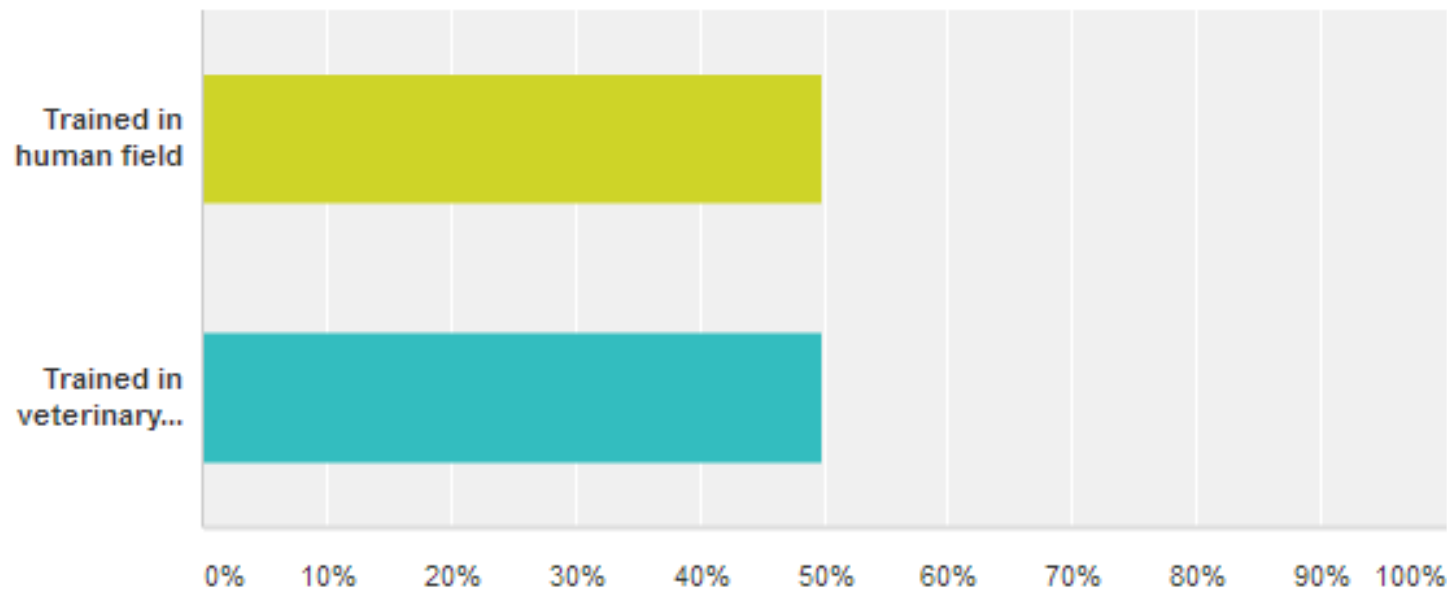
One Comment:
Techs hold only All ultrasounds performed by radiologists or if very basic, cystocentesis, by ER docs after hours.

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	16.67% 2
No	83.33% 10
Total	12

If technicians are performing ultrasound examinations, are they trained U/S techs from the human field or veterinary technicians with additional training in U/S?

One Comment:
we have
veterinary
trained as well

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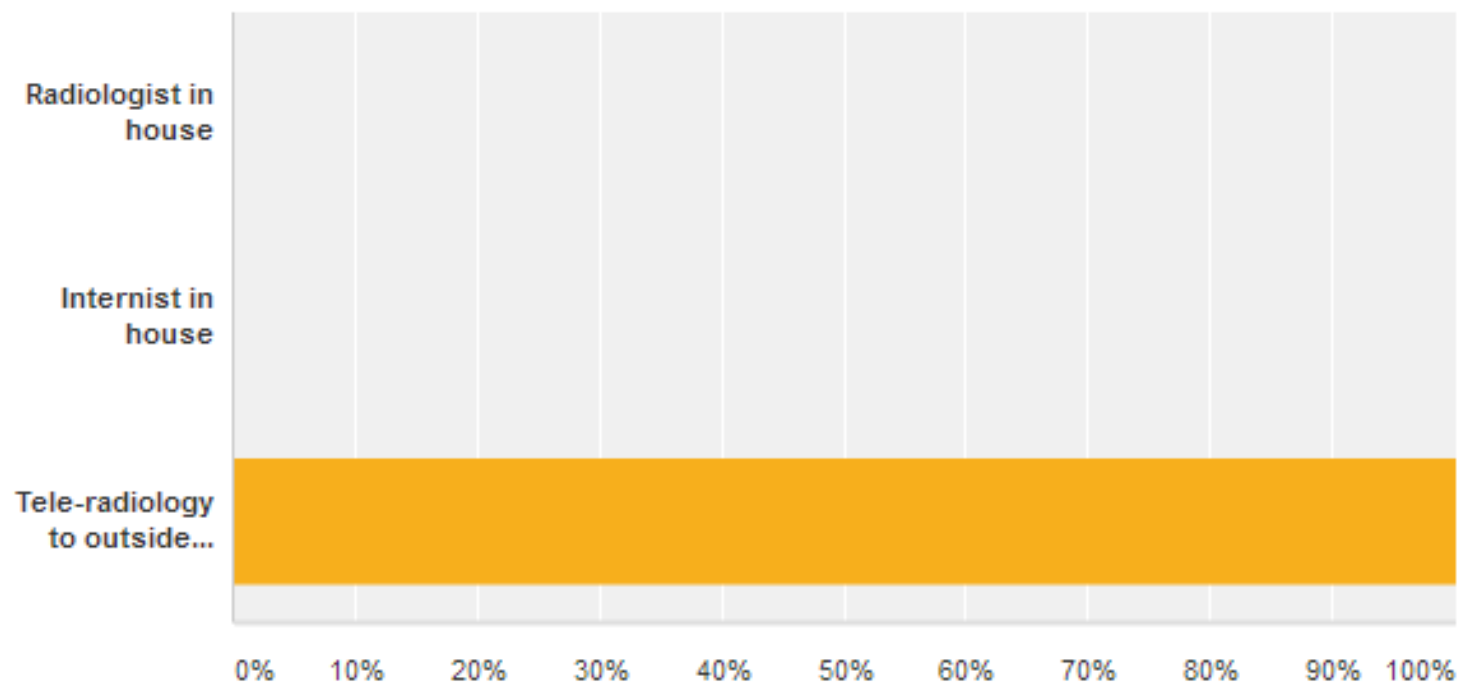
Answer Choices	Responses
Trained in human field	50.00% 1
Trained in veterinary field	50.00% 1
Total	2

In response to question 2 above, how did the technician receive training in either scenario?

- Under direct supervision from the boarded specialists in their respective fields (cardiology, radiology)
- The tech was trained in a formal academic setting. The other tech was trained OJT

When a technician performs the ultrasound exam, how does the study get read?

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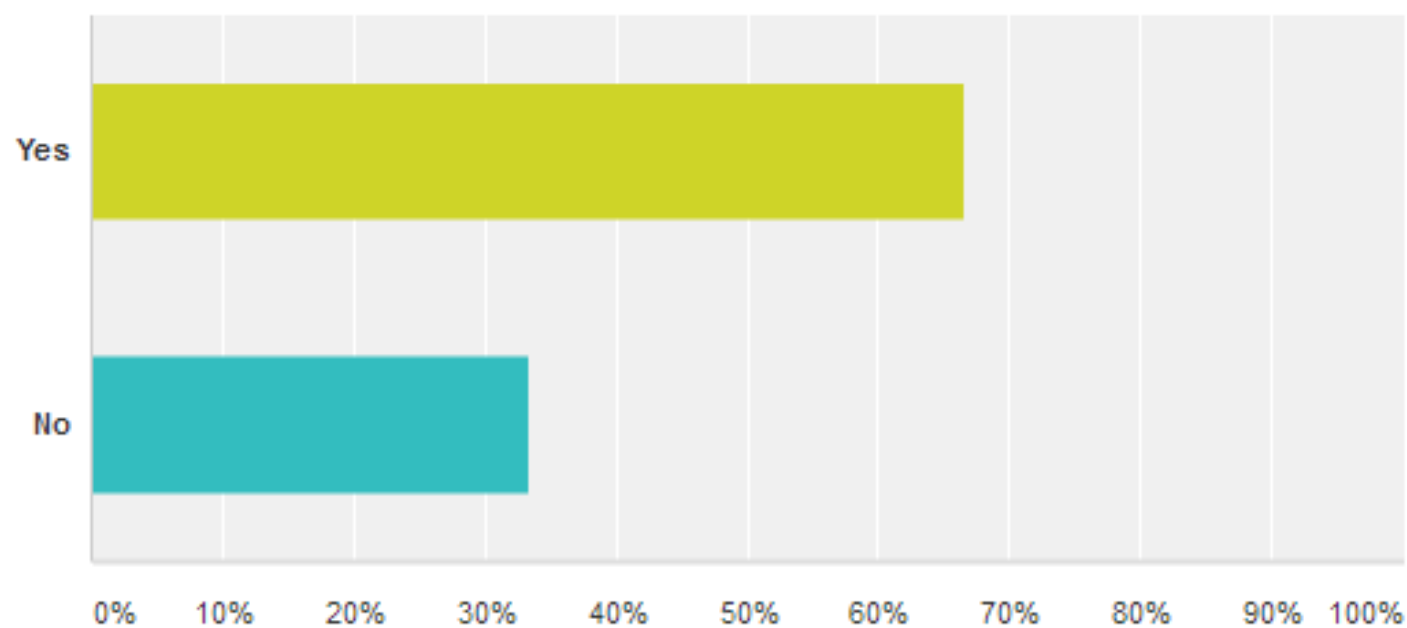
Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Radiologist in house	0.00% 0
▼ Internist in house	0.00% 0
▼ Tele-radiology to outside provider	100.00% 1
Total	1

When a technician performs the ultrasound exam, how does the study get read?

- The echocardiograms performed in-house by VTS Cardiology technicians are read-out by the attending cardiologists that order the study. The abdominal ultrasound studies performed by technicians are read-out by either the in-house radiologist or a tele-radiology provider, but they are read out in real time (i.e. not just sending video loops or still images) .
- Actually depending on the case a Internist will read as well, but most are sent out.

Does your practice see a value to having U/S exams performed by someone other than a radiologist or internist?

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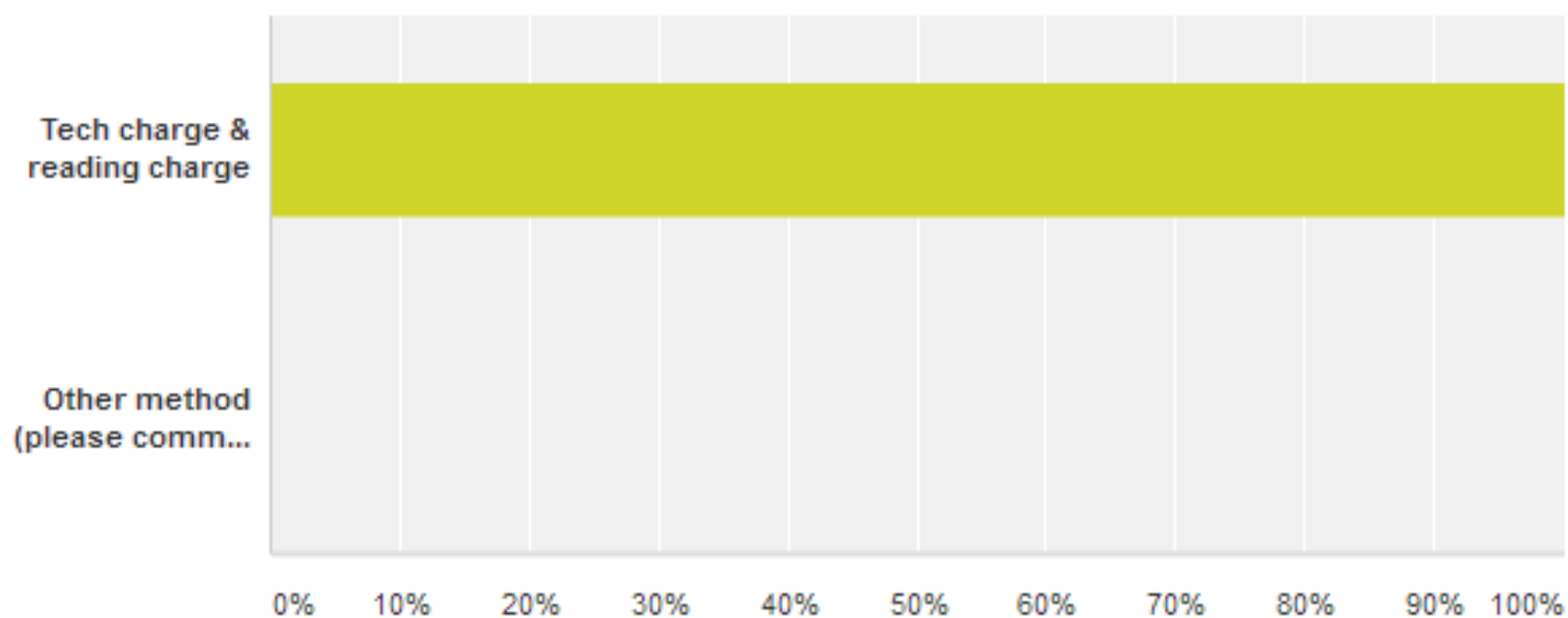
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	66.67% 6
No	33.33% 3
Total	9

Does your practice see a value to having U/S exams performed by someone other than a radiologist or internist?

- Radiologists (and internists that are trained adequately to perform abdominal ultrasound) are in short supply. Having an adequately trained technician that can perform a scan while a radiologist is watching real-time allows us to fill the gap with ultrasound studies that otherwise couldn't get done or would be pushed to the next day.
- A radiologist or internist is not always available.
- Ultrasound is a highly demanded procedure in our hospitals and clients/RDVMs expect ultrasound availability to be widespread. Having someone else be able to perform ultrasounds is intriguing. I don't know that our DVMs would be accepting of this or not. I'm interested in other perspectives.

How do you charge for the exams – tech charge and reading charge? Or some other way.

Answered: 2 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Tech charge & reading charge	100.00% 2
▼ Other method (please comment below)	0.00% 0

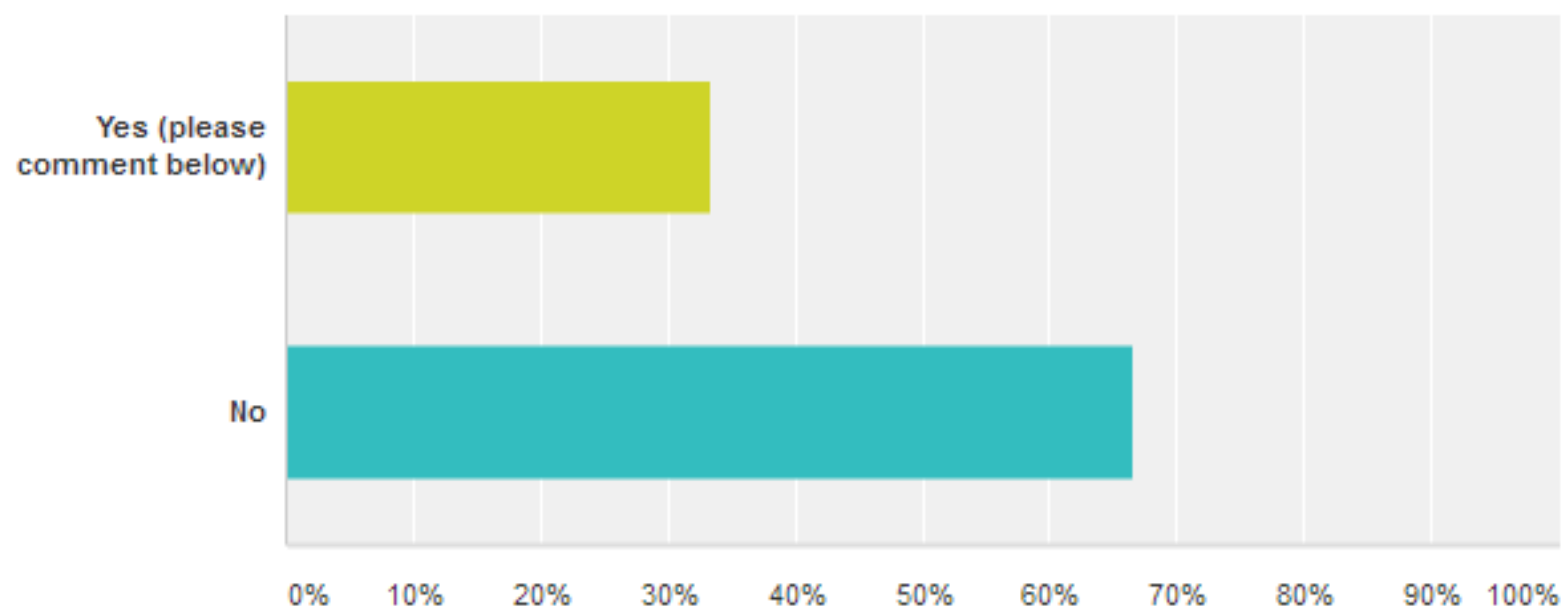
Total Respondents: 2

How do you charge for the exams – tech charge and reading charge? Or some other way.

- don't know how we would charge for these, but probably just as we do now when a doctor does the exam
- If we did tech exams, it would probably be a tech charge plus a reading charge.

Is the reader of the U/S exam compensated any differently for these exams versus if they had performed the exam personally?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes (please comment below)	33.33% 1
No	66.67% 2
Total	3

Is the reader of the U/S exam compensated any differently for these exams versus if they had performed the exam personally?

- I would think the doctor compensation would be the same.
- Real-time Tele-radiology studies are invoiced by the remote radiologist at \$90/study. If the radiologist on-site does the studies and reads them/provides the report, they are paid 45% of the abdominal ultrasound fee.
- If we did it that way, they probably would be.