Chapter 4
Normal Fetal Anatomy
4.1. PRINCIPLES OF ROUTINE SCANNING

A recent National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consensus Development Conference evaluated the question of whether obstetric sonography should be routinely applied in every pregnancy. The consensus was that sonography should be restricted to those pregnancies in which a clear medical indication for the procedure exists. This handbook follows the NIH recommendations.

Obstetric sonography can be reported in various ways. A sample of a reporting sheet is presented in Fig. 4.1.1.