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**AUDREY MENDENHALL**  
214 Solomon Mountain Road  
Clancy, Montana  
(406)933-5831

**Education:** Graduate of University of Colorado Health and Sciences Center  
Diagnostic Ultrasound  
Denver, Colorado, 1988

**Previous Employment:** St. Joseph Hospital  
Denver, Colorado

OB/GYN & Infertility Associates  
Englewood, Colorado

St. James Community Hospital  
Butte, Montana

**Current:** Founded *Sound Health Imaging* a diagnostic medical ultrasound clinic in 1992 located in Butte, Montana. Provide Butte and the surrounding area with high quality diagnostic ultrasound service. First privately owned ultrasound clinic in Montana. Accredited by American College of Radiology; only accredited lab in southwestern Montana.

**Credentials** American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers:  
registered Ob/Gyn, Abdominal, Adult Echocardiology, and Vascular Sonographer.

Fetal Medicine Foundation, London, England:  
Certified Sonographer for Genetic Prenatal Screening Program  
(Only certified sonographer in Montana)

**Professional Affiliations:** Montana Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound—charter member  
Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers—member  
Society of Vascular Ultrasound—member  
American Society of Echocardiology—member  
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine— member

**Publications:** Author of *A Prenatal Diagnosis of Dacryocystocele*  
Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Jan/Feb 2003

**Other** Training provider/center for African physicians in obstetrical, gynecological, and abdominal ultrasound imaging.

Have performed over 10,000 prenatal ultrasound exams since 1987.

To Whom It May Concern,

January 23, 2005

It is my pleasure to write a letter of reference for Audrey Mendenhall. By way of context, I am a board certified family practioner at Rocky Mountain Clinic in Butte, Montana. In addition to my family practice training I completed an obstetric fellowship at Sacred Heart and Deaconess Hospitals in Spokane.

I have known Audrey since 1991. Initially she was working at St. James Hospital in Butte as an ultrasonographer. Later she began her own ultrasound practice as Sound Health Imaging and has continued to work in that capacity since 1992.

Audrey's ultrasound experience and expertise are of the highest caliber. She has been performing ultrasound scans on all of mine and my partners' obstetrical patients for 14 years. During the course of this time, her ultrasound abilities have helped provide the best possible obstetrical care to our pregnant patients. Audrey excels at every dimension of obstetrical ultrasound, from recognizing early complications such as ectopic pregnancies to pregnancy dating to surveying fetal anatomy. As well she has provided the highest standard of care in identifying problems in later pregnancy such as intrauterine growth restriction and oligohydramnios. There have been multiple times in my association with Audrey where her ultrasound skills have directly saved the life of a baby through the early recognition of potentially life-threatening complications.

In addition to obstetrical ultrasound, Audrey has provided a further range of ultrasound services including breast, abdominal and vascular imaging and pediatric and adult echocardiography. Her expertise in these areas matches her obstetrical expertise and again has provided the highest level of ultrasound care.

Audrey has not been content with the status quo. She has continually upgraded her equipment so that it is always state of the art. She has advanced her own training and has hired colleagues who share her commitment to providing the highest quality of ultrasound imaging.

Audrey's professional skills cannot be separated from her personal qualities. She makes patients feel welcome, comfortable and relaxed. Parent's experience of having an obstetrical ultrasound at Sound Health Imaging is frequently remembered and treasured. Many times Audrey provides ultrasound services at no cost for uninsured patients. In situations where ultrasound imaging has uncovered difficult problems such as an inevitable miscarriage or a fetal anomaly, Audrey has handled these situations with compassion, respect and understanding.

In short, Audrey is at the top of her profession. I do not think that one could find a more skilled, conscientious and experienced ultrasonographer and I recommend her most highly as she pursues further educational opportunities.

Sincerely,

  
George Mulcaire-Jones, M.D.