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Dr. Hoffmann is currently the emergency ultrasound division director at the department of emergency medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, and associate professor of emergency medicine at Harvard Medical School. after serving for over eight years as the director of emergency ultrasound in the department of emergency medicine of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She also served as division director and fellowship director of emergency ultrasound during her time in Baltimore. Dr. Hoffmann graduated in 1997 from the University of Heidelberg Medical School in Germany with both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. She had several years of postgraduate training in Germany in internal medicine, with an emphasis on pulmonary medicine and cardiology. She came to the United States in 2000 and, in 2003, completed her emergency medicine residency training at York Hospital/Penn State University.

Dr. Hoffmann focused on program building with equal emphasis on research, education, and administration. Both at Beth Israel Deaconess Boston and Johns Hopkins, she developed new models for emergency ultrasound education and competency assessment, created two successful emergency ultrasound fellowship programs, and introduced electronic workflow solutions to both BIDMC and Hopkins.

Dr. Hoffmann has assumed leadership roles in emergency ultrasound education and policy both nationally and internationally. She is the founding chair of the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound (AEUS), the chair of emergency ultrasound education task force for the European Society in Emergency Medicine (EUSEM), and she has recently been appointed corresponding member to DEGUM, the German Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound. She was the founding editor-in-chief of www.sonoguide.com, ACEP's online education resource for emergency ultrasound.

Dr. Hoffmann is board certified in emergency medicine and is a registered diagnostic medical sonographer (RDMS). Her clinical and consulting interests include meaningful incorporation of emergency ultrasound in emergency medicine education and practice, and the development of electronic workflow solutions and QA for point-of-care imaging.