



Patient
Information

Your Vascular Ultrasound Scan

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If you need to cancel or you have queries or concerns
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Opening Hours

**Monday - Friday
9.00am - 4.30pm**



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What is an Ultrasound scan?

For this scan we use high frequency sound waves. Humans are unable to hear them, but the scanning machine uses them to produce scan images. It is a quick and painless procedure.

Are there any risks involved?

There are no risks involved in this procedure.

Do I have to have this scan?

The doctor has requested this scan for you. It is the easiest way to gain the information needed to assess your problem.

What do I have to do before I come?

- There is no preparation for this scan.
- You may eat and drink normally.
- If the examination is for your leg and you are using dressings for ulcers, please ring and tell us.
- We will arrange for your legs to be re-dressed in clinic once the examination is finished.



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What does it involve?

- We will remove dressings if necessary before we start the scan.
- A cool gel will be applied to the area to be scanned. The hand held scanner will then slide easily to and fro to obtain the images.
- The length of the examination varies. Although simple, the examination could take between 15 minutes and one hour depending on the area being scanned.

What happens after the Scan?

- There are no after effects. If you usually drive yourself home, you will still be able to do this.
- You may eat and drink normally
- You will receive a letter or follow-up appointment for clinic to discuss the results of the scan.



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