

Information sheet

Duplex Ultrasound Scan

Ultrasound is a special investigation used to look at the internal workings of the body. It is the same method used for looking at a baby before it is born.

The Veincare team include Vascular Technologists who are specialists at Duplex Ultrasound.

Before any treatment to the veins it is important to know exactly which veins are affected in order that the right treatment is selected. It is advisable to have a scan of the veins before treatment.

Duplex scans can also be used to check the deep veins and is the best method for checking if someone has a deep vein thrombosis.

Duplex scans are used to check for blockages in the arteries to the legs, arms, and brain. People with an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm can have the condition detected using an ultrasound scan, or they can have the size monitored. All men aged 65 ought to have an ultrasound scan of their abdomen as one in 20 will have an aortic aneurysm and one in 50 will have one that is of a size that may burst.

If you would like a scan of your aorta arteries or veins, you can book in to the special ultrasound clinic. A doctor is not normally available at these clinics but the Senior Vascular Technologists will be able to tell you what they have found. As part of the service, you and your GP will receive a report once the scan results have been checked by one of the Veincare Specialists.

Please contact Veincare if you would like to arrange to have a scan.