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## **You have been booked to have an Abdominal Arterial study at Vascular West**

Your doctor has asked for an abdominal arterial study. The test gives us important information about the arteries in your abdomen.

An abdominal arterial study is an ultrasound test of the abdominal arteries to look at blockages, narrowings or dilations. The study can take up to 45 minutes to perform. You will be asked to lie flat on the examination table and an ultrasound probe and gel will be applied to your abdomen. Ultrasound used for the purpose of diagnostic values is completely harmless, however if you are or may be pregnant please let the sonographer know prior to the test. Ultrasound is also completely painless although probe pressure may cause some minor discomfort.

**You will need to fast (nothing to eat or drink) for up to 4 hours prior to this test. This does not apply to insulin dependent diabetics.**

A report will be completed by the sonographer and finalised by one of our vascular surgeons. This will then be sent to your referring doctor and/or GP within 48 hours.

If you have any questions regarding the test, or would like more information please call our office on 9381 7772. **Please make sure you bring the referral from your doctor to the appointment or check with the reception staff prior to the appointment that we have a copy.**