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

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

An abdominal venous duplex study is an ultrasound test, of the abdominal veins to look for vein abnormalities. The study can take up to 45 minutes to perform. You will be asked to lie flat on the examination table which will be slightly tilted 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.

The study is performed to rule out deep vein thrombosis (DVT), particularly if you have a current or past history of DVT in the legs or unusual causes of varicose veins.

**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.**