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## **You have been booked to have a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Study Lower Limbs at Vascular West**

Your doctor has asked for a DVT study of your lower limbs. The test gives us important information about your leg veins and if any clots are present..

A DVT study is an ultrasound test of the leg veins specifically to find thrombus (clots) in the deep or superficial veins. A full study takes up to 45 minutes to perform. You will be asked to lie down or sit on the edge of the examination table and an ultrasound probe and gel will be applied to your leg. 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. The ultrasound is also completely painless however probe pressure may cause some minor discomfort.

The sonographer will commence looking at the deep veins in the groin and then move down the leg compressing the veins at certain intervals. The veins behind the knee and in the inner aspect of the lower leg will also be scanned. A report will be completed by the sonographer and faxed to the referring doctor. The report will then be finalised by one of our vascular surgeons and this will 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.**