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You have been booked to have an ovarian vein study at Vascular West

Your doctor has asked for an ovarian vein study. The test gives us important information about the ovarian veins in your pelvis.

An ovarian vein study is an ultrasound test, of the abdominal veins that drain blood from your pelvic region. These veins if not functioning well can be associated with varicose veins or pelvic pain. The study can take up to 45 minutes to perform. You will be asked to lie flat with the examination table 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 unless you have some underlying condition and probe pressure may cause some minor discomfort.

The study is mostly performed to rule out abnormal flow of the ovarian veins. The sonographer may squeeze your thigh or ask you to do certain breathing manoeuvres.

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.**