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## **You have been booked to have a Thoracic Outlet study at Vascular West**

Your doctor has asked for a thoracic outlet study. The test gives us important information about the arteries in your arm and shoulder.

A thoracic outlet study is an ultrasound test of the upper arm and shoulder specifically to check for blockages and narrowings. A full study can take up to 45 minutes to perform. You will be asked to lie or sit on an examination table and an ultrasound probe and gel will be applied to your arm. 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 sonographer will usually commence in your wrist and move up the arm and shoulder looking for abnormalities in the arterial blood flow. You may be asked to roll on to your side at times and also to move your shoulder into a compressive manoeuvre. The sonographer will take all appropriate measurements and document any other abnormalities. 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.**