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You have been booked to have a Venous Study of your Lower Limbs at Vascular West

Your doctor has asked for a venous study of your lower limbs. The test gives us important information about your leg veins.

A venous study is an ultrasound test of the leg specifically to find the cause of swelling, pain, ulcers or varicose veins. A full study takes up to 45 minutes to perform. You will be asked to stand on a stool 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. The ultrasound is also completely painless although probe pressure may cause some minor discomfort.

Incompetent or malfunctioning veins are caused when the valve in the vein is damaged allowing blood to reflux back down your leg when standing. Problems with valves in veins can occur without a clear cause but can be associated with a family history, injury or a prior history of clotting in the veins. The sonographer will take all appropriate measurements and will also look for other problems such as cysts and clots. 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.**