

## Venous Ultrasound

### What is a Venous Ultrasound?

A Venous Ultrasound is a non-invasive examination that uses sound waves to produce images of the veins in the body that help diagnose and treat various medical conditions.

### Why do I need a Venous Ultrasound?

It is commonly performed to search for blood clots in the legs, a condition referred to as Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT). When clots break they can travel to the lungs, heart or brain. These patients have an increased risk of stroke, heart attack and pulmonary embolism.

It may also be performed to:

- Identify damaged veins or abnormal blood flow through them.
- Aid in the placement of a catheter during treatment.
- Assess the condition of the vein after treatment.

### How Do I Prepare?

Wear loose comfortable clothing for your examination. During the procedure you may be asked to change into a gown. In some cases patients may be asked to fast 8 hours before the procedure.

A Venous Ultrasound is a painless, non-invasive examination. In most cases, you will be positioned face up on the exam table. You may be asked to move, tilt or roll over throughout your examination to produce various angles for your images.

A gel is applied to the designated area, over which the sonographer will gently glide a probe. It may last up to an hour. Once the examination is complete, your physician will analyze the results and determine if further testing or treatment is required. This information will be reviewed with you and your loved one on the next scheduled visit.

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