

Aorto-iliac Ultrasound.

What is it?

This is an ultrasound scan to look at the blood vessels in the abdomen area.

Why am I having this test?

You have been referred for this scan to assess the blood flow in the arteries of the abdomen which supply the legs. We will be looking to see if there are any narrowing's, blockages in these blood vessels or whether they are enlarged at all.

How is the ultrasound scan performed?

There is no preparation needed for the scan. You will be asked to lie on your back during the scan. We will ask you to expose the stomach area and tissue will be tucked in place to protect your clothing. Some pressure may be applied to help see the blood vessels better, this shouldn't be painful. A clinical scientist (who might be male or female) will perform and interpret your ultrasound scan. The lights will be dimmed to allow the scientist to see the screen better.



What happens next?

The clinical scientist will comment on the findings and a report will be written for the doctor who requested the scan. You will be able to discuss the results of the investigation fully with the referring team during your next telephone/outpatient appointment.