

Internal Jugular Vein (IJV) ultrasound.

What is it?

This is an ultrasound scan of the main vein (IJV) located in the neck area.

Why am I having this test?

The referring doctor has asked from this scan to check the patency of the veins (whether they are open or blocked). We may also need to take measurements of the veins or to check the flow within the veins.

How is this ultrasound scan performed?

You will either be asked to lie down on the scanning couch or sit upright for the scan. The clinical scientist (who may be male or female) will place gel on the probe and scan up and down your neck on each side. Tissue will be tucked into your collar to protect your clothing. This scan should be painless and there are no risks associated. The lights will be dimmed to help see the screen better.

What happens next?

The clinical scientist will comment on the findings and will write a report for the referring doctor.