

Aortic Dopplers

This is an ultrasound exam to evaluate and image the abdominal aorta. This test is to evaluate the aorta, the largest artery in the abdomen. You will be asked to lay on your back and pull your shirt up and move your pants to the top of your hips. We use warm water based gel on top of a probe placed on the abdomen to transmit the sound waves into the body which in turn produces the picture of the artery. This procedure is painless and not invasive, although you may feel some pressure from the transducer as it is placed on the abdomen. There are no drugs administered and the exam usually takes 30-45 minutes. This test does require you to be fasting for 6-8 hours to avoid any excess air in the bowel that may interfere with the images.