

Arterial Dopplers

This ultrasound exam is to evaluate the arteries in either the arms or legs depending on which one your doctor has ordered. This test is used to look for blockages or narrowing caused by plaque in the arteries of the arms or legs, enlargements of the arteries or legs, as well as monitoring existing arterial disease. You will need to remove your pants, socks and shoes for a leg exam or remove your shirt for an arm exam. The sonographer will provide you with a paper drape or gown. During the exam you will lie on your back on an exam table. The sonographer will move a transducer along your arm or leg. This procedure is painless and not invasive, although you may feel some pressure from the transducer as it is placed on your legs or arms. There are no drugs administered and the exam usually takes 30-60 minutes. There is no preparation for this exam.