

Carotid Dopplers

This ultrasound exam is to image the carotid arteries, which are the main arteries in the neck that supply blood to the brain. This test is used to look for blockages, narrowing, or other diseases of the carotid arteries that may increase the risk of stroke, as well as to monitor existing carotid disease. You will be asked to lie on your back on the exam table. The sonographer will apply warm gel to either side of the neck and will move the transducer along your neck. This procedure is painless and not invasive, although you may feel some pressure from the transducer as it is placed on your neck. There are no drugs administered and the exam usually takes 45 minutes. There is no preparation for this exam.