

Venous Dopplers

This ultrasound exam is to evaluate the veins in either the arms or the legs, depending on which one your doctor has ordered. The veins are checked to evaluate for the presence or absence of venous insufficiency. Venous insufficiency occurs when valves in the veins are not working correctly, causing leg swelling, discomfort, and varicose veins. 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.