VASCULAR SERVICES

Arterial Bypass Graft Ultrasound

What is a bypass graft ultrasound?

An arterial bypass graft ultrasound is a non-invasive test using sound waves, gel and a small probe to produce an image of the arteries and graft in the legs and/or arms. An arterial ultrasound uses no radiation, dyes, or needles.

Why am I having a bypass graft ultrasound?

A bypass graft ultrasound is used as a surveillance method to evaluate for blockages or areas of narrowing in the graft. Narrowing or blockages in the graft are easier to treat if caught early.

How your exam is performed.

- You will be asked a brief history relating to the exam.
- You will be asked to remove any clothing that covers the area(s) being examined.
- You will then be asked to lie on your back and cover up with a gown or blanket.
- A sonographer will apply gel to the area(s) being evaluated. The probe
 is moved over the exam area and produces a picture for the physician. It is
 important to relax and remain still for optimal images. You may hear your
 blood flowing while the sonographer acquires images.
- Blood pressures will also be taken on the arms and ankles unless otherwise indicated.
- After the test you may wipe off any excess gel and go home unless you have other scheduled tests.
- A physician will interpret your test results. The doctor who ordered your test will then receive a report and discuss the results with you.

Test Time and Preparation

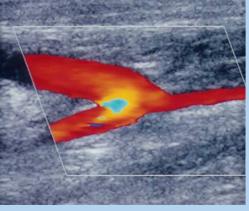
This test takes approximately 1 hour to complete. No preparation is needed.

Please remember to bring the order from your physician and a form of identification.

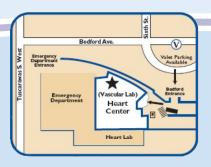


Appointment Date and Time:









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