

Endoluminal Aortic Ultrasound

What:

A scan to assess the graft and/or stents that have been inserted into your abdominal aortic aneurysm. This test should take 30 minutes.

Why:

Aortic stents have been placed within the aortic aneurysm to reduce the size of the aneurysm and reduce pressure within the system. The scan assesses that the stents are allowing adequate blood flow to the abdomen and lower limbs, and also that there is no leak seen which would cause the aneurysm to increase in size.

Involves:

- Fasting preparation (please see our patient preparation information section).
- The scan is performed in a private ultrasound room where a sonographer will explain the scan and answer any questions you may have.
- You will be asked to remove any clothing covering the abdomen, generally the top layers pulled up to the level of the chest, and asked to lie down on an examination bed.
- Some gel will be placed on the abdomen and gentle pressure applied with the ultrasound probe.
- The sound of a pulse will be heard from the ultrasound machine, this is when blood flow is being assessed.

The results will be sent to the referring Doctor who will discuss and explain the outcome to you.