

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Ultrasound

What:

An ultrasound scan assessing whether there is any clot (thrombus) within the deep venous systems of the arms or legs.

Why:

The deep venous system of the arms or legs can thrombose (block) causing the affected limb to become swollen and painful. The scan will rule out or confirm the presence the thrombus within the venous system.

- 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 clothing covering the lower legs, i.e. shorts/pants, and/or clothing covering your arms i.e. jumpers. Underwear, singlets and bras will be kept on.
- You will be asked to lie down on an examination bed.
- An ultrasound probe and some gel will be placed on the limb to be scanned.
- To assess the patency of the veins the sonographer will need to apply firm pressure on the veins to see if they are compressible. This can cause some mild discomfort, however is essential for an accurate result.

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