



MESENTERIC ARTERIES

WHAT IS VASCULAR ULTRASOUND?

Ultrasound is a non-invasive test that helps your doctor diagnose and treat your medical problem. By using very high frequency sound waves the ultrasound machine can form images of the inside of your body. For vascular ultrasound this involves creating images of the blood vessels within your body.

WHY?

If you experience symptoms of discomfort after eating.

WHAT CLOTHES DO I HAVE TO TAKE OFF?

For this scan you will need to lift your shirt and lower your trousers/skirt and underwear so that we can get easy access to your abdomen between your ribs and your hips.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AND WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE SCAN?

We will look for narrowing or blockages in the arteries that supply blood to your intestines. You will be asked to lie flat on the bed. Because these arteries can be deep it may be necessary for the sonographer to press quite firmly on your abdomen.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

About 30 minutes

