

# CAROTID & VERTEBRAL ARTERIES



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PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

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### 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 have suffered from a mini stroke or your Doctor may feel could have symptoms that are associated with the arteries in your neck that feed blood to your brain and eyes.

### ANY PREPERATION?

None, just turn up.

### WHAT CLOTHES DO I HAVE TO TAKE OFF?

As long as we can get good clear access to your neck then you should not have to take any clothes off other than your coat or jumper.

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

Any narrowing or blockage that may have built up in the blood vessels in the neck; these are called the carotid and vertebral arteries. The sonographer will ask you to lie down and then turn your head slightly to allow a good view of the neck.

### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

About 15 to 30 minutes.



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