

LOWER EXTREMITY VENOUS ULTRASOUND

OVERVIEW: The sonographer will examine the deep veins and major superficial veins of the legs.

Unilateral Lower Extremity – One Leg

Bilateral Lower Extremity-Both Legs

PREPARATION: There is no special preparation for this exam.

This test can diagnose and rule out a number of problem such as (but not limited to):

- Leg pain
- Leg edema (swelling)-local or diffuse
- Cellulitis
- Superficial mass or lump
- Ulcer of the lower extremity
- Superficial thrombophlebitis
- Shortness of breath/pulmonary embolism

The reason for the test will depend on your symptoms.

THIS ULTRASOUND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MINUTES (UNILATERAL) OR 40 MINUTES (BILATERAL). THE REPORT WILL BE BACK TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24-48 HOURS.