

## UPPER EXTREMITY VENOUS ULTRASOUND

**OVERVIEW:** The sonographer examines the deep veins and major superficial veins of the arms.

**UNILATERAL UPPER EXTREMITY—**One Arm

**BILATERAL UPPER EXTREMITY—**Both Arms

**PREPARATION:** There is no special preparation for this exam.

This test is most commonly used to diagnose a deep vein thrombosis or blood clot. Other reasons for this exam may include but are not limited to:

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

The reason for the test will depend on your symptoms.

**THIS ULTRASOUND WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MINUTES (UNILATERAL) OR 60 MINUTES (BILATERAL). THE PRELIMINARY REPORT WILL BE CALLED TO THE ORDERING PHYSICIAN BEFORE YOU LEAVE OUR FACILITY. THE FINALIZED REPORT WILL BE BACK TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24-48 HOURS.**