



Venous Duplex

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The following information is a brief description of the Venous Duplex test. If you have any questions after reading this information, please speak with your nurse.

WHAT IS A VENOUS DUPLEX STUDY?

- ❖ Venous Duplex studies are simple, painless evaluations of the veins in the legs or arms.

WHY IS IT DONE?

- ❖ This test is done to evaluate veins and to determine if clots are present.

WHERE IS THE PROCEDURE DONE?

- ❖ Vascular Lab, 2nd Floor, Tisch Hospital.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

- ❖ The test takes 20 minutes but you will be away from your room for about one hour.

WHAT PREPARATION IS NEEDED?

- ❖ There is no preparation for this painless test.
- ❖ You may eat before the test. The nurse will give you your prescribed medications.
- ❖ Escort staff will take you to the Vascular Lab in a wheelchair.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE PROCEDURE?



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- ❖ The test is performed while you lie on a stretcher or hospital bed.
- ❖ The nurse or technician will place a small amount of gel on your legs or your arms and scan the veins with a duplex imaging machine.
- ❖ Images are recorded while the technician performs the study.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

- ❖ You will be returned to your room where you can resume all previous activities if the results are negative and there is no blood clot present.
- ❖ Your doctor will receive final results of the study within 48 hours. However, a preliminary report will be made available the same day.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR QUESTIONS
