

What are ultrasound scans used for?

Ultrasound scanning is a much easier and quicker way to assess the organs, tissues and vessels of the body when compared to other imaging methods such as MRI scanning, and is therefore frequently used to help monitor and diagnose conditions in many parts of the body.



Please note you do not need a GP referral.

Northern Medical Ultrasound can provide the following scans upon request:

- Musculo-skeletal (joints, muscle, tendon, ligaments)
- Both legs Varicose Vein study
- Single leg Varicose Vein study
- Both leg arteries Iliac to Popliteal
- Single leg artery
- Bilateral Leg Veins for DVT
- Single Leg Veins for DVT
- Individual artery (popliteal for aneurysm)
- Carotid arteries
- Female pelvis
- Abdomen (including liver and pancreas)
- Abdomen and Pelvis
- Abdominal Aorta
- Renal Tract
- Testes, Groin, Hernia

What does an ultrasound scan involve?

The ultrasound operator places a pen like probe on the skin over the part of your body to be examined. A water-based gel is also placed on the skin so that the probe makes good contact with your body. The probe is connected by a wire to the ultrasound machine, and linked to a monitor, allowing an image of the tissue to be displayed. The operator moves the probe around over the surface of the skin to obtain views of the tissues from different angles.

The scan is painless and takes about 15-45 minutes, depending on which parts of the body are being examined. A report, in many instances, is available to take away with you, or is available by post or email the next working day. No GP referral is required.

