

# Stent or Graft Surveillance

---

## What is it?

Stent or graft surveillance is an ultrasound scan of the stent or graft you have in your leg. You will have several surveillance scans throughout the year following your operation at set intervals (please see the next page).

## Why have you been referred for this test?

You have a stent or graft in your leg. This procedure was performed to improve the circulation in your leg.

Surveillance scans are carried out because there is a risk that your stent or graft may stop functioning as well as it should. If this is the case we can identify any problems early on and inform your doctor. Then, if needed, your doctor can work to resolve the problem.

## What happens during the test?

The scan will be carried out in one of our scanning rooms. You will be asked to remove clothing from your legs. You will be asked to lie on a coach, however if this is not possible the scan can be carried out with you sitting in a chair.

Ultrasound gel and an ultrasound probe will be placed on your leg at the area where your stent or graft is.

During the scan you will hear sounds coming from the machine that represent the blood flow through your arteries.

The scan takes 30-40 minutes. At the end of the scan the operator will inform you of the results and what will happen next.

If you are attending your appointment from home, you are usually free to go home after the scan.

---

## VASCULAR SCIENCE UNIT

A225 Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol, BS2 8HW  
Tel: 0117 342 7530

The table below shows the times at which you will be called for an ultrasound scan after the date of your operator.

<b>Stent</b>	<b>Graft</b>
6 weeks	6 weeks
6 months	6 months
12 months	9 months
	12 months

---

**VASCULAR SCIENCE UNIT**

A225 Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol, BS2 8HW  
Tel: 0117 342 7530