Vascular Ultrasound

Your doctor wants you to have information about vascular ultrasound exams. These exams are also called duplex or Doppler ultrasound scans. They are used to evaluate the blood flow through your arteries and veins. These scans are completely safe and painless. The scans do not involve taking x-rays or having an injection with contrast material. They are very helpful in finding blood clots in veins and showing where the circulation is blocked in arteries. They are especially helpful for screening patients with circulation problems in their legs and in those with symptoms of a TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack [a stroke that lasts a few minutes]). Call your doctor if you have any questions about the results of your vascular ultrasound exam.

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