



## Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT) of the Arm

This brochure tells you about Deep Venous Thrombosis of the arm and how it is diagnosed, including what Imaging tests you may need to have.

### What is Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT)?

A DVT is a blood clot that forms in the veins of the body. DVTs usually occur in the veins of the leg, however, sometimes they occur in the veins of the arm. If you have a DVT it is important to have it treated as it may get worse and move through your body into your lungs. This can be dangerous and may rarely even cause death.

Symptoms of DVT of the arm are:

- Pain and swelling in your arm, however, there are many other causes of these symptoms.

### Diagnosis

If your doctor thinks you might have a DVT in your arm, he/she will discuss signs and symptoms with you. Depending on your signs and symptoms he/she may request a doppler ultrasound. Occasionally, your doctor may request venography. This will help the doctor to decide whether you have a DVT and what type of treatment you need.

### Results:

A radiology doctor will look at your scans and write a report for your doctor.

### Further Information

For more detailed information, please see [Inside Radiology](#), a resource produced especially for consumers by the [Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists](#).

If you would like to look at other relevant brochures, please see

- [Doppler Ultrasound](#)
- [Venography](#)

Or log into the Diagnostic Imaging Pathways website - [www.imagingpathways.health.wa.gov.au/includes/consumer.html](http://www.imagingpathways.health.wa.gov.au/includes/consumer.html)

Or if you have questions or require any other information please contact your Doctor.

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- People with disabilities
- Seniors
- CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse)
- The Health Consumers' Council.

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