DO NOT FORGET · THE SHORT CHECKLIST

Ultrasound: two-region compression for DVT



A bedside compression ultrasound of the common femoral and popliteal veins to detect proximal deep vein thrombosis in the leg, with full wall-to-wall compressibility as the test.

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Patient reference	Date	Time	Completed by

The 2 steps that must not be missed

- [ ] DURING
Do not dismiss thrombus in the femoral vein (formerly called the superficial femoral vein) as superficial: it is a deep vein and thrombus in it is treated as proximal deep vein thrombosis.

- [ ] AFTER
A negative two-region scan excludes proximal deep vein thrombosis at the time of the scan. It does not exclude isolated calf vein thrombosis or thrombus developing later.



The short list: an aid to memory, not the whole procedure. The full checklist is at the QR code. It does not replace your local protocol or your clinical judgement.