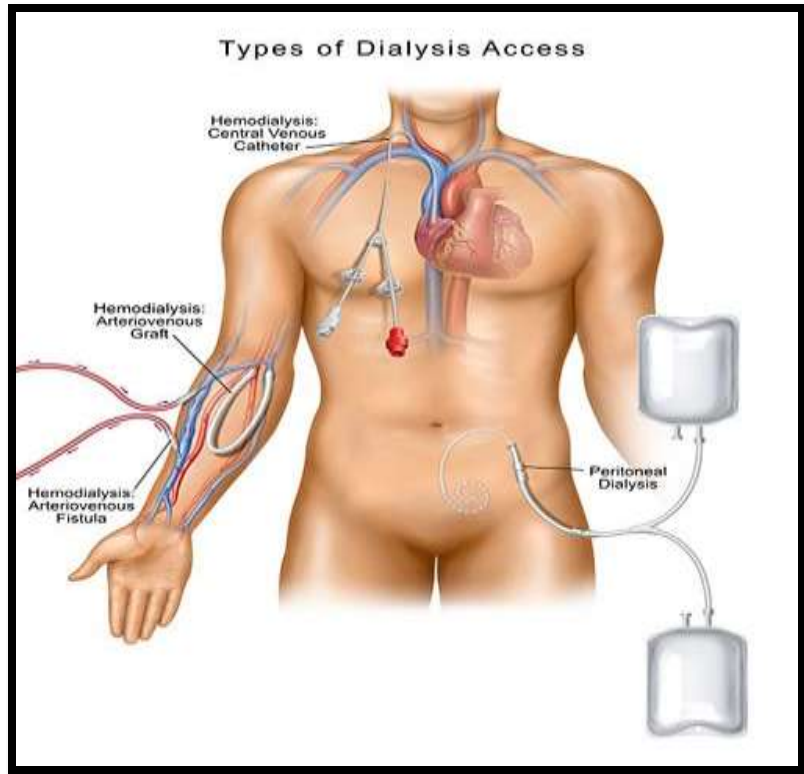


Dialysis Access Duplex

Ultrasound can be used to image a dialysis access graft or fistula, as well as the circulation in the arm and hand. Ultrasound technology is safe and images arteries and veins. There is no radiation or injection of chemicals. This scan is performed to determine if there is a problem with a dialysis fistula or graft.



During Your Exam

- You will be lying on the exam table on your back with your hands at your sides. The technologist will apply a warm gel on your arm and a transducer or a small microphone will be used to examine your arteries.
- You will hear the sound of moving blood during the exam. Do not be alarmed; it is harmless.

How should you prepare?

- There is no preparation for this exam and you may eat and drink.
- You may take your scheduled medications.
- The test takes approximately 60 minutes.