



## Going to the DVT Clinic from the Emergency Department

You have been referred to the DVT Clinic to find out if you have a DVT (deep vein thrombosis, also known as a blood clot in the vein). Your Emergency Department doctor or nurse will let you know if you can be seen today.

- If you can be seen today, you can go straight to the DVT clinic. It is located in Haematology Outpatients, opposite the Diabetic Foot Clinic, on the ground floor of the Cheyne Wing (see map below).
- If you cannot be seen today, your doctor will prescribe you anticoagulant medicine (blood thinners) until you can be seen in the DVT Clinic. At 9am on the next working day (not weekends or bank holidays) you should go to the Vascular Laboratory on the first floor of the Cheyne Wing (see map below). Your limb will be scanned and then you will be sent down to the DVT Clinic.

## What will happen when I get to the DVT Clinic?

In the clinic, DVT experts will find out if you have a DVT using a combination of blood tests and/ or scans.

- If you do have a DVT, the DVT Clinic team will take over your care and give you all the support
  you need.
- If you do not have a DVT, the DVT Clinic team will advise you what to do. For example, you may need antibiotics for a skin infection or need to start some exercises for a calf muscle sprain. You may need to follow up with your GP, or the DVT clinic may need to contact another hospital team for advice on your behalf.

