

# Vascular Surgery Referral Pathways Summary

Majority of Vascular Services would be provided by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust at Kent & Canterbury Hospital (East Kent) with complex cases, especially thoracic aortic emergencies going directly to Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust based at St Thomas' Hospital (St Thomas').

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| Emergency referrals  | Ruptured or symptomatic AAA   | Discuss with East Kent Vascular Surgery Registrar by telephone   | 07974612680   |
|                      | Aortic dissection / thoracic aortic problems  | Discuss with St Thomas' Vascular Registrar by telephone  | 07717513348   |
|                      | Acute limb ischaemia<br>Critically unwell vascular patients / bleeding  | Discuss with East Kent Vascular Surgery Registrar by telephone   | 07974612680   |
| Urgent referrals     | Severe diabetic foot infection<br>Critical limb ischaemia with sepsis<br>Stroke/TIA for carotid endarterectomy<br>Upper limb and iliofemoral DVT<br>Digital ischaemia | Require urgent inpatient review or transfer<br><br>Discuss with East Kent Vascular SpR / Consultant on-call in Canterbury by telephone (DO NOT USE CAREFLOW) | 07974612680   |
|                      | Chronic critical limb ischaemia<br>Incidental AAA<br>Acute uncomplicated DVT  | May require inpatient review or outpatient follow-up<br>Use careflow and discuss with Vascular SpR on-call in Canterbury as needed.                          | Email completed pro forma to <a href="mailto:ekh-tr.vascular-kch@nhs.net">ekh-tr.vascular-kch@nhs.net</a> and/or referral via <a href="https://secure.careflowapp.com">https://secure.careflowapp.com</a> |
| Non-urgent referrals | Claudication<br>Asymptomatic carotid stenosis<br>Leg ulcers (venous/non-arterial/diabetic)<br>Post-thrombotic syndrome<br>Symptomatic varicose veins                  | Require outpatient appointment / follow-up<br><br>Please refer to East Kent Vascular Surgery   | Formal letter / email to <a href="mailto:ekh-tr.vascular-kch@nhs.net">ekh-tr.vascular-kch@nhs.net</a> with completed pro forma  |

## How to contact the Vascular team at Kent & Canterbury Hospital (East Kent)

Emergency / urgent  07974612680    Semi-urgent  <https://secure.careflowapp.com>    Non-urgent  [ekh-tr.vascular-kch@nhs.net](mailto:ekh-tr.vascular-kch@nhs.net)

Contact can also be made via Kent & Canterbury Hospital's switch board on 01227 766877, especially if you need to speak to a particular Consultant.

