

Tony Case

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Sent: Wednesday, 7 February 2007 8:14 a.m.
Subject: RE: Mr Philip Hassall

Dear Tony,

I referred you letter to one of my Specialist Radiologists Dr Michael Swarbrick. Dr Swarbrick is a partner of Hamilton Radiology working here part-time as well as at the DHB where he heads Ultrasound, his comments on interrupting your report were:-

"From my reading of the report I think the comment about the examination being technically challenging particularly relates to the difficulty in imaging parts of the calf veins: *"The peroneal and anterior tibial veins were only seen at intermittent levels and compressed well in these places but the entire length was not seen."*

"Those veins that were visualised and assessed were either reported as competent, or not incompetent. I would interpret this as meaning that satisfactory doppler traces were recorded from these vessels (I could confirm this if the hard copy images were available for review) with no evidence of incompetence. It is possible that some of the sections of veins that could not be visualised were incompetent, however incompetent veins tend to become dilated and therefore easier to visualise than normal competent veins."

Hope this is of help

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