

# Vascular Surgery Referral Pathways Summary



Kent & Medway  
Vascular Service

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').

Emergency referrals	Ruptured or symptomatic AAA	Discuss with East Kent Vascular Surgery Registrar by telephone	07974612680
		Discuss with St Thomas' Vascular Registrar by telephone	07717513348
	Acute limb ischaemia Critically unwell vascular patients / bleeding	Discuss with East Kent Vascular Surgery Registrar by telephone	07974612680
Urgent referrals	Severe diabetic foot infection Critical limb ischaemia with sepsis Stroke/TIA for carotid endarterectomy Upper limb and iliofemoral DVT Digital ischaemia	Require urgent inpatient review or transfer  Discuss with East Kent Vascular SpR / Consultant on-call in Canterbury by telephone (DO NOT USE CAREFLOW)	07974612680
	Chronic critical limb ischaemia Incidental AAA Acute uncomplicated DVT	May require inpatient review or outpatient follow-up 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 Asymptomatic carotid stenosis Leg ulcers (venous/non-arterial/diabetic) Post-thrombotic syndrome Symptomatic varicose veins	Require outpatient appointment / follow-up  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.

