

Are you screening your patients for abdominal aortic aneurysm?

Other vascular services that we provide

In addition to ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm, W-H X-Ray & Ultrasound also offers Doppler investigation for peripheral vascular disease (PVD), cerebrovascular disease (CVA) and deep vein thrombosis (DVT). Please contact us at the number below to schedule your patients, or if you have any questions about the services we provide.

The importance of early detection of abdominal aortic aneurysm

Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) rupture is a significant cause of death in Canada.

Mortality related to AAA rupture is between 80-90%.

AAA is usually asymptomatic until aneurysm rupture causes pain.

Screening for AAA with ultrasound has been found to be a cost effective way to reduce mortality from aneurysm rupture.

Costly repair of a ruptured aneurysm can be avoided if detected with screening ultrasound and repaired on an elective basis.

Screening Recommendations

The Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery recommends screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) by ultrasound as follows:

-one time screening ultrasound at age 65 for all men

-one time screening ultrasound at age 55 for men with a family history of AAA

- one time screening ultrasound at age 65 for women with multiple risk factors for aneurysms (smoking history, family history of AAA, cerebrovascular disease)

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