

## Hume-east Initiative in Vascular Examinations (HIVE) Project

The HIVE project is a community-based prevention and early intervention project to prevent loss of life and limb, decrease the incidence of wounding, and to improve outcomes in hard-to-heal wounds.



Community members do not need to have or have had a wound, for referral. The project is a collaboration between Regional Wounds Victoria–Hume East, Regional Vascular Services (MIVIR), the Ovens-Murray Goulburn Diabetes Clinical Network and Gateway Health.



People living well

Martin Forbes from Regional Vascular Services (in association with Melbourne Institute of Vascular Interventional Radiology, MIVIR) is a specialised and accredited vascular sonographer, with 30 years' experience in the field. Martin works closely with vascular surgeons and interventional radiologists throughout Central Victoria and is now visiting Hume East region in Wangaratta on a 3-weekly basis. In the interim, the clinic will be held at Gateway Health Wangaratta.

Martin Forbes generally offers a range of vascular ultrasound services however for the purposes of the HIVE project he will be offering the following bulk-billed assessments: DVT including iliac veins and IVC (if indicated), varicose veins, aorta, including internal iliac artery, post aortic aneurysm, and iliac and lower limb arteries.

Other tests provided by Martin Forbes (currently outside the scope of the HIVE project) include: carotid and vertebral studies, subclavian and upper limb arteries, thoracic outlet syndrome, transplant studies, A/V fistulae, renal artery, mesenteric arteries and ABI.

Referral criteria (with or without a wound):

- Any individual who is at risk of wounding that could later threaten their life or limb
- Arterial, venous or chronic swelling symptoms with or without varicose veins, and with or without claudication
- Hard-to-heal wounds
- Diabetes diagnosis
- Past history of interventions such as stent, angioplasty, bypass.

### **Referrals and Information**

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