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Personal Reflection:

The first paper covered pathology that is often seen when performing vascular ultrasound. In most cases training and imaging of these structures is not included when training to be a vascular scientist. It is something very often picked up along the way and varies depending on the type of unit you work in and what conditions you regularly come into contact with. I found the paper extremely useful as it aids identification of structures and pathology seen during a scan and it will enable me to provide a description of the finding in the report. This in turn will aid the doctor in requesting further scans to look into the finding in more detail. The paper itself is one I will keep and plan to refer to throughout the years ahead.

The second paper looked at different tests that are used to diagnose PVD in individuals. As expected the paper showed variations in the accuracy of each test and it is very much subjective and dependant on the individual who performs an examination. Diagnostic scans such as duplex is more reliable in diagnosing PVD. The paper also confirmed that pulse palpation is the most unreliable due to its subjective nature and is reliant on the ability of the doctor examining the patient. Reading the paper through suggests more than one investigation should be used to indicate if PVD is present and then to use a diagnostic scan to confirm suspicions.