

**Reference for Mr Mark Black,  
Lead Clinic Vascular Scientist at the Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust**

I have worked and known Mark since 2015 when I joined the Northwest region to work as Vascular Trainee and Consultant Vascular Surgeon. Mark was one of the Vascular Technicians at the Vascular Lab that all my colleagues would rely on his reports and findings to perform their procedures. He is an extremely experienced Vascular Scientist in performing different territories of body scanning including aorta, lower limbs, arterial, venous and carotid scans. He also is very skilful in performing scans that require stress position to diagnose difficult conditions such as thoracic outlet and popliteal entrapment syndromes. His reports are written with detailed explanations and clear conclusion at the end that helps you to understand the progression of the disease in the examined territory. On top of his excellent experience, he is a very kind character, easily approachable and has a great personality that encourages you to ask him for help and he would never let you down.

He has worked at the Countess of Chester for 9 years and he is the lead for the Clinical Vascular Scientists in the hospital over the last 3 years. I know that he is accredited with the Society of Vascular Technology and he has achieved PHD in Vascular Physiology. He actively participated in our MDTs and in our educational programme. The feedback I got from his teaching was excellent. He showed excellent knowledge of the subject of physiology of the ultrasound and he showed competent teaching skills to varieties of junior and senior colleagues.

Mark is a friendly, hardworking and dedicated member of our team and we were very disappointed when he decided to leave us for personal reasons and wish him all the best and success in his future plans. I have no concern at all about his honesty, reliability, knowledge and leadership with regards to his career at the Countess of Chester Hospital and I am quite sure wherever he goes he is a great asset to the team he joins.

I wish you all success and good luck for you Mark.

Yours sincerely



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