

Angiogram



What is an angiogram?

An angiogram is a procedure that shows blood flow through your arteries. A special doctor called an Interventional Radiologist puts a tube into an artery in your groin (the upper part of the leg). They inject a special liquid (called a contrast agent) into the tube and use special X-rays to show vessels.

Things to Note After the Procedure:

- **Pain:** You might feel some pain or discomfort after the procedure. There may also be a bruise where the needle went in. You can take over-the-counter pain medicine that your doctor approves of. If you're in the hospital, ask your doctor for pain medicine if you need it.
- **Lump Under the Skin:** If the area where we put in the tube feels like it has a hard bump under the skin, use a heating pad on the area and call the doctor at the number they gave you.
- **Activity:** Go home and rest the day of procedure. Don't do any intense activities for three (3) to five (5) days.
- **Hygiene:** You can take a shower the day after the procedure. Do not swim or go under water for two (2) days after your procedure.
- **Going back to School or Work:** You can go back to school or work the next day.
- **Follow-up:** Call your primary doctor to set up an appointment to talk about the test results.

Dressing Care

- Keep the dressing clean and dry for 24 hours.
- Take off the dressing after 24 hours.

Return to the Emergency Department (ED) if:

- Your pain gets worse even after taking over-the-counter pain medicine.
- The area gets more red, swollen, or starts to leak fluid (pus or blood).
- You start shaking with chills or have a fever higher than 101 F (38.5 C).
- You have a hard time breathing.

Interventional Radiology Contact Information:

- **For non-emergent questions:**
Please call (323) 361- 2436 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **For emergencies:**
Please go to the nearest emergency room.

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