

FAQs -

SPECIAL PROCEDURE AND ANGIOGRAM

WHAT IS ANGIOGRAPHY?

Angiography is a test which allows doctors/radiologist to view the blood vessels in various parts of the body to look for abnormalities.

Our angiography team consists of interventional radiologists, specially trained in their field, nurses and medical radiation technologists, clerical and assistant staff. The angiography department interacts with most areas of the hospital. We provide a wide range of diagnostic and interventional services.

WHEN SHOULD I STOP EATING AND DRINKING?

Most Special Procedures require you to stop eating and drinking 3 hours prior – if you are going under a general anesthetic, you will be instructed to stop eating and drinking after midnight, the night prior to the procedure. You will be informed of this when you receive a booking date.

WHERE AND WHEN DO I REPORT TO?

You need to register 2 hours prior to your procedure time in the Admitting Department, located on the 1st floor at the front doors on the Ouellette Avenue side of the Hospital. You will be informed of where to register once you receive your booking date (some procedures – do not require a prep, and you register directly in the X-ray Dept)

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO STAY AT THE HOSPITAL?

This depends on the procedure you are having done. It all depends on which specific test you will be having (approximately 2 – 5 hours). You will be informed of this when you receive a booking date. You will also be informed if you will need to be accompanied / driven home after the procedure.

DO I HAVE TO STOP MY MEDICATION ON THE DAY OF THE TEST?

When your appointment is booked, you will be informed. If you are taking blood thinners (Coumadin or Heparin), we need to know why and will inform you whether you need to stop taking these meds.

A blood test will be done once you arrive at the hospital. If you are on Metformin, you need to stop the Metformin for 48 hours. Before you start taking the Metformin again, you need a blood test in 48 hours and check with your doctor.

Take all of your medications with a small amount of water, especially heart and blood pressure medications.

WHAT IF I HAVE A DYE ALLERGY?

If you have had a previous allergic reaction to contrast media (x-ray dye), please inform us and your doctor in advance. Your doctor may order a medication for you to take prior to your procedure.