Angiogram – Outpatient

Your doctor has ordered a Angiogram examination to be conducted in the Radiology department on the 2nd level of the Froedtert Hospital.

Appointment Time: ____________________ If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call (414) 805-3799.

Information Day: ____________________ Date: ____________________

WHAT IS AN ANGIOGRAM?
An Angiogram is a special x-ray test to study blood vessels (arteries or veins) and blood flow by using a special solution that shows up on the x-rays. The angiogram is the best way to “see” your blood vessels. The doctor will then use that information to decide how best to help you.

Angiograms are not a surgical procedure. The radiologist and technologist or nurse will explain what is happening to you. You will be able to ask questions at any time. The examination will take 1 to 2 hours.

BEFORE THE TEST
You are asked to stop anti-coagulants (blood thinners), including aspirin, at least three days prior to the angiogram (however, please check with your medical doctor first). It is also important that you notify us of any allergies you have to drugs or foods.

On the night before the exam, you should have nothing to eat or drink 6 hours prior to the procedure arrival time (medications may be taken with sips of water).

You will have an IV started, and be given a mild sedative. The body area that will be used for the x-ray will be washed with special soap. A catheter (thin hollow tube) about the size of spaghetti will be inserted by the doctor into the blood vessel in the groin, or in the axilla (under arm area) or in the elbow (antecubital area). A solution (dye) will be injected. After the x-rays are taken, and the exam finished, the catheter is removed and pressure applied to the site for about 10 minutes.

AFTER THE TEST
After the angiogram, you are watched closely for approximately 4 to 6 hours by nurses in an outpatient recovery area. A nurse will take your blood pressure and make sure everything is fine. The extremity must also remain immobile for 4 to 6 hours. This prevents any bleeding at the catheter site. The nurse will monitor the site and your vital signs frequently.
You may bring an I-POD/personal music device (with earphones) with you, along with some reading material. You MUST have someone drive you home. If you live alone, it is a good idea to have someone stay with you that evening.

Your personal doctor will inform you of the results of the test. REMEMBER...our staff is here to help you. If you have questions about any part of this test, please ask.

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. To Park, enter the campus on 92nd street and go to Parking Area 1. Take the A elevators to enter the hospital lobby on the second floor. Follow the signs to Fluoroscopy and check-in at the reception desk.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
Directions to Froedtert Hospital Entrance

Please park in the Parking Area 1 structure.

From Wisconsin Avenue:
You are in the Parking Area 1 Structure. Signs directing you to the Parking Area 1 Structure. From the Wisconsin Avenue, a circular drive. Follow signs directing right at West Connell Court. Turn right at the Froedtert Hospital Entrance. Continue through a stop and continue on 87th Street and then right at the area.

From Watertown Plank Road:
You are in the Parking Area 1 Structure. Signs directing you to the Parking Area 1 Structure. Turn south on 87th Street and continue through a stop and continue on 87th Street and then right at the area.

Please Note: All of our parking structures and surface lots have accessible parking closest to building entrances. Entrances from our parking structures are all equipped with power doors. For more detailed information visit froedtert.com (Locations & Directions, Transportation and Parking Services).


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