

Angiogram

(with or without angioplasty and/or stent placement)

1. **Labs required: PT/INR, PTT, CHEM 7, CBC.** Labs have to be as recent as 48hrs. If the patient's condition or medication requires daily labs, these labs should be drawn early enough on the day of the procedure to allow time for results to come available prior to the patient going to the Imaging Dept.
You will need to obtain orders accordingly.

2. **Diet:** The patient will be able to have clear liquids after midnight then change to NPO 4 hours prior to transport to the Imaging Dept.

3. **Medications:** We prefer the patient receives his/her AM meds especially antihypertensive and cardiovascular medications (excluding anticoagulants and diuretics) as scheduled or send the medication with the patient to Imaging if schedules overlap.
You will need to obtain an order for withholding anticoagulants and diuretics (and other meds as indicated).

If the patient's condition requires the diuretic not be withheld, you will need to obtain an order for a urinary catheter.

Due to the use of a contrast media, we usually advise a patient not to take his/her AM Metformin/Glucophage. However, the procedure will not necessarily be rescheduled if these meds are given. The post procedure orders will cover withholding these meds.

Insulin orders should be obtained from the patient's physician.

***Please note:** These are medication guidelines for the Imaging Dept. If the patient's physician gives different orders, let the Imaging nurse know prior to the patient being transported to the department so the radiologist can be informed.

4. **If the patient has a history of contrast (dye) allergies, the following information should be obtained from the patient:**

***what type of reaction (e.g., Hives,**

shortness of breath, anaphylaxis, etc.)

***treatment given at the time of the reaction**

***name of the procedure causing the reaction**

***date of the reaction**

Inform the Imaging nurse, and pre-treatment orders may be given.

- 5. The patient will need to know he/she will be required to lie flat and keep the affected leg or arm straight for 6-8 hrs post procedure. The patient may want to make arrangements to have a visitor in the room post procedure to help.
Pulmonary angiograms require only 2 hrs.**
- 6. If the patient is unable to give informed consent, please have the appropriate designee available to give consent, either by phone or in person.**

An Imaging nurse can be reached at x5280, M-F, 7am – 7pm. After hours, the on- call nurse can be paged by calling the Imaging front office at x4455.