

AV Fistulogram

(with or without angioplasty)

- 1. If the patient feels anxious and would like IV sedation during the procedure, obtain an order to keep the patient NPO for 4hrs prior to transport to the Imaging Dept. If there is not enough time, the Imaging nurse just needs to know the time the patient last ate or drank anything.**
- 2. Medications: usually not held.
*Orders will need to be obtained for holding anticoagulants.**
- 3. Labs: not required unless the patient is on anticoagulant therapy. If the PT/INR and PTT are as current as the day of the procedure, orders will not be needed for a * recheck**
- 4. Recovery time varies depending on the method for resolving the occlusion. The patient should be prepared to keep the affected extremity straight and still for about 1 hour after hemostasis.**
- 5. If the patient is unable to give informed consent, please make sure the appropriate designee is 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 contacting the Imaging front office at x4455.

* If the patient is on anti-coagulant therapy, labs are required the day of the procedure. The Radiologists will not accept anything older.