



Angiogram

(with or without angioplasty and/or stent placement)

1. **Labs required: PT/INR, PTT, CHEM 7, CBC. (HCG if needed.)** 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: NPO 4 hours prior to arrival in the Imaging Dept.**
3. **Medications: Have patient take 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 any other meds as indicated.**

***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 is unable to give informed consent, please have the appropriate designee available to give consent, either by phone or in person.**

5. **If the patient has a history of contrast (X-Ray 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.

6. **The patient will need to know he/she will be required to lie flat and keep the affected leg or arm straight for 4 hrs post procedure. The patient may want to make arrangements to have a visitor in the room post procedure to help.**

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 678-312-4455 or Extension 24455.