

Why is Peripheral Angiography Necessary?

What is Peripheral Angiography of the Lower Extremities?



Peripheral angiography is used to detect vascular disease which refers to the narrowing, clogging and hardening of the arteries in your extremities (legs). This results in slowed or stopped blood flow to your extremities, which can cause pain, numbness, and eventually tissue death in your extremities. The disease frequently affects your legs, but can occur in the vessels that supply blood to your arms, brain, and kidneys.

A peripheral angiogram or arteriogram is an examination of the peripheral arteries in your body. Peripheral angiograms are done to examine the arteries which supply blood to the head and neck, or the abdomen and legs. During your angiogram you will receive a contrast dye which makes the arteries visible under x-ray.

Peripheral angiograms are done under local anesthesia. You will have an intravenous (IV) catheter placed in your arm and you will be given a mild sedative. The procedure takes one hour. After the procedure, you'll be kept overnight in the hospital for monitoring.

Special Instructions Before Your Procedure

Please arrive one hour prior to your scheduled surgery time.

1) Report to _____
on _____
at _____

2) Nothing to eat or drink for 12 hours before your surgery.

- 4) If you are diabetic and take medication to manage your blood sugar or are taking any coumadin or warfarin, please let us know before your procedure so we can give you specific instructions about taking or stopping medications.
- 5) Tell us if you have any allergies, especially to shellfish, x-ray dye, latex, etc.
- 6) Have someone accompany you to the hospital for your procedure.



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