



THE
CARDIOVASCULAR
CENTER

AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

172 Kinsley St., Nashua, NH 03061

ARTERIOGRAMS/ANGIOGRAMS

Information Needed to Schedule:

1. These procedures are booked directly with the cardiac catheterization laboratory nurses in order to coordinate the interventional radiologists' schedules. The nurses are available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm. They can be reached at (603) 882-3000 X 67117. If there is no answer, please leave a message on the answering machine and your call will be returned as soon as it is received. If there is an emergency, the nurse can be paged through the operators or diagnostic imaging.
2. There will be a necessary pre-admission testing (PAT) appointment for the patient in addition to the actual procedure appointment. It is generally one or two days prior to the procedure. At this appointment, the patient will have an interview with the radiology nurse and possibly the interventional radiologist. He/she will also have lab work and possibly an EKG. The patient will be at the hospital for about 1 to 1½ hours.
3. Please have patient bring completed PAT form.
4. All patients must have a History and Physical dated within 30 days of the procedure. Please fax to Cardiovascular Laboratory: 598-3333 **prior to the Pre-Admission Testing appointment** if possible.
5. **Diabetic patients:** Patients will be NPO for the procedure. Please have PCP address diabetic medications.
Patients on glucophage:
 - a. D/C morning of exam and following day.
 - b. Draw BUN and Creatinine 48 hours post-procedure prior to resuming medication.
6. **Patients on Coumadin:** The coumadin will need to be D/C'd prior to the procedure (usually 5-7 days). Please refer this to the physician who regulates the patient's coumadin dose.

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