

Guidelines for Physicians

Guidelines for Physicians Referring Patients For Outpatient Angiography, Biopsy Or Venous Access Procedures.

1. Book the procedure with the Medical Imaging Booking Assistant: RUH 655-2371 SCH 655-8211 SPH 655-5140
2. Patients must be accompanied by an adult who will transport them to and from the hospital for their procedure.
3. Unless otherwise instructed patients should arrange accommodation within a 15 minute drive from the Royal University Hospital or St. Paul's Hospital for the night after their procedure. City Hospital Emergency Department closes at 2030 hrs.
4. Unless otherwise instructed patients must spend the night after their procedure in the company of an adult who can transport them to the Royal University Hospital within 15 minutes if a delayed complication of the procedure occurs.
5. Recent PTT, INR, hemoglobin, platelets, bun, and creatinine must be normal and should be attached to the patient's requisition. Recent = within 1 week.
6. The Booking Assistant upon booking the procedure will order the hospital chart.
7. Patients and their clinicians must be willing to accept hospital admission if a complication of the procedure is encountered or if prolonged observation is required.
8. Patients must be given a copy of the appropriate information sheet(s) prior to their arrival in the Medical Imaging Department.
9. Patients should expect a 2 - 6 hour supervised recovery period after their procedure is completed. This is standard practice and is in the interest of patient safety and comfort.

Exclusion Criteria for Outpatient Angiography, Biopsy Or Venous Access Procedures.

1. Anticoagulant therapy. Antiplatelet agents are allowed.
2. Bleeding disorders.
3. Hypertension, Systolic > 170 mm Hg, or Diastolic > 100 mm Hg.
4. Renal Failure.
5. Congestive Heart Failure.
6. Diabetes requiring injections of insulin.
7. Severe obesity.

8. Peripheral vascular disease causing lack of groin pulses.
9. Impaired mental status preventing informed consent.
10. Patients who have a history of lack of compliance to medical advice.
11. General medical infirmity.
12. Age less than 14 years.