

## **Other Angiography**

An angiogram is performed in the Medical Imaging Department. This procedure investigates blood vessels with an injection of X-ray contrast media through a catheter, inserted into either a groin vessel or a wrist vessel.

As an outpatient you will be admitted and discharged from the hospital on the same day approximately 4 - 6 hours after your angiogram has been completed.

You must stay in Saskatoon the evening following your procedure, within a 15-minute drive of hospital Emergency Department. Please be aware that City Hospital Emergency Department closes at 8:30 pm.

The risks of angiography include:

1. Bleeding at the site of catheter insertion.
2. "Allergy" to x-ray contrast ("dye") - A serious life-threatening "allergic" type reaction occurs in approximately 1/50,000 to 1/150,000 people. This is very rare. You should discuss any allergy history with your doctor prior to booking an angiogram.
3. Cold, numb, or painful foot - Rarely the blood vessel the catheter was inserted into may become blocked and prevent blood from going to your lower leg and foot. This would require an emergency operation to reopen the blocked blood vessel.