

CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY - Procedure Code K6511

Before your procedure:

- Please have a light early breakfast with all your usual medication and then drink water only until your procedure is over.

If you are taking Warfarin:

- Please stop this 5 days before your angiogram UNLESS you have a metallic heart valve replacement.
- If you have a metallic valve replacement, then please discuss how to manage your Warfarin with your cardiologist.

If you are taking Dabigatran, Apixaban, Rivaroxaban or Edoxaban

- Please discuss when to stop the drug with your cardiologist.

If you are taking Metformin

- Please omit the dose on the morning of the procedure.

The procedure:

- The coronary angiogram is performed under local anaesthetic via the radial artery in the wrist or the femoral artery in the groin. It should take no more than 15 mins.
- For details, please see - <https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/tests/angiogram>

After your procedure:

- You will return to ward to make sure the puncture site heals properly
- Your results will be discussed with you and your future management planned
- You will be allowed home later that day but you will not be able to drive yourself. Please organise someone to take you home and be with you overnight.

The DVLA regulations state that you are not permitted to drive for 7 days after the procedure.