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## Angiography Going Home Instructions

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You were given a contrast dye for your exam today. We do not think you will have a reaction if you have not had one by now.

Sometimes a small amount of blood collects under the skin at the puncture site, the point where the needle went in. If this happens, you may feel a lump, some pain and see some redness. There may be a bit of fluid leaking. It may begin to look black and blue, like a bruise, and turn yellow. This will go away in a few weeks.

Keep the groin dressing or Band-aid on today. Keep it clean and dry. Put on a new Band-aid if it becomes dirty or wet. You can take the Band-aid off in the morning.

You may shower tomorrow. Gently clean the area with soap and water. Pat the area dry after showering. No powders or lotion at the site.

**No tub baths, soaking or swimming for one week.**

**If the area is very uncomfortable, do these things:**

- Put ice on the area with a cloth between you and the ice.
- Take Tylenol as directed on the product label. **Do not take aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin) or medicine that contains aspirin or ibuprofen (Motrin).**

If you have a lot of bleeding or a large swollen area, put direct pressure on the site and call 911.

**Call your primary care doctor if:**

- pus leaks from the puncture site
- your leg becomes cold or numb
- you have signs of infection, including: warm to the touch, redness, fever, chills or poor healing of the puncture site.

If you have any questions or concerns call St. Vincent Charity Hospital's Radiology Department at 216.363.2592.

**Remember:**

- Rest all day today. Do not do anything difficult for one week.
- Do not lift over five pounds, climb many stairs, stoop, squat or bend for the next two to three days.
- No driving by yourself for the next two days. Talk to your doctor about when to go back to work or have sexual intercourse again.
- If you take Glucophage (Metformin), **do not take it for the next 48 hours.**
- Drink plenty of water.

I have read the information above or it was read to me. I am able to explain what I need to do.

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Patient or Family Member (sign here)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Nurse/Technologist/Physician

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