

Imaging test to be performed:

Aortogram with Runoff



Patient's name: _____

Test date: _____

Test time: _____

See other side for test location and registration instructions

What You Need To Know

How to prepare for your test:

A nurse will call you for a history and will give you additional instructions.

Please arrive directly at Medical Imaging 1 hour early.

Don't eat or drink after midnight except clear liquids 2 hours prior to arrival.

Please arrange for someone to drive you home.

If there is a possibility of angioplasty or stent placement, you may need to be admitted to the hospital as an inpatient.

How long will the test take?

The test itself will take about 1 hour.

Recovery time will range from 2 – 6 hours.

What is the purpose of the test?

The procedure is performed when abnormal conditions of the aorta are suspected. The aorta is the body's largest artery.

How is the test performed?

You may be given a mild sedative during the test. After the site is cleansed and numbed with a local anesthetic, a needle will be inserted into an artery in your arm or groin.

Then a radiologist will insert a catheter (long, narrow, flexible tube) through the needle and into the artery.

The radiologist will carefully thread the catheter into the aorta using x-ray images called fluoroscopy to guide the insertion. When the catheter is in place, a contrast dye will be injected to make the aorta visible. A rapid succession of x-ray images will show blood flow through your aorta.

Required before test:

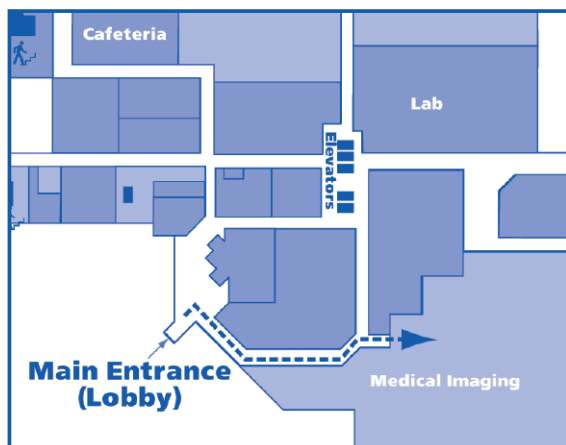
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

Your test will be conducted at:

EIRMC (main campus)

Medical Imaging Department
3100 Channing Way
Idaho Falls
208-227-2600



What is interventional radiology?

Your doctor has ordered for you a test of a type known as interventional radiology. This is a specialty where radiologists use various imaging techniques to guide procedures for diagnosis and/or treatment. The procedures are sometimes called "minimally invasive" because, unlike surgery, they are done through small nicks in the skin. Needles and/or catheters (long, narrow, flexible tubes) are often used to gain access to the area of interest. The procedures are usually simpler and safer, less traumatic, less painful, less invasive, and as effective as comparable open surgical procedures.

How to register:

Please arrive 1 hour before your test, which includes time for you to register. See the following schedule for guidance on where to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Mon.- Fri.</i>	
12 - 6:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medical Imaging Dept.
4:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
7 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Saturday</i>	
12 - 7:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
4 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Sunday</i>	
All day	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)