

# CT Coronary Angiogram

## Post-procedure

At the end of the procedure the cannula will be withdrawn carefully from the vein and a bandaid applied. The dye will be flushed naturally by your body over the following 24 hours without you noticing it. You are free to eat and drink normally. We recommend you continue to drink plenty of fluids to assist your body in flushing the contrast. You will be able to return to your normal daily activities after your scan.

## Risks and side effects

Complications are rare however you should be informed of the possible risks and side effects.

### *Risks associated with this procedure include:*

- The  $\beta$ -blocker used may decrease your blood pressure and for a short time you may feel dizzy or lightheaded.
- Pain or discomfort at the cannula insertion site, or bruising after the procedure.
- Risks associated with the X-ray contrast material include an allergic reaction and reduced kidney function. Minor allergic reactions include slight nausea and rash or itching. More severe reactions are very rare but may result in shortness of breath and some facial swelling.
- You may experience a mild headache for a short period from the GTN which usually goes away within 30 minutes.
- It is extremely rare for reactions to be life threatening.

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If you experience any side effects please call us on **6382 3888** or contact your GP.

If you are still concerned and it is after hours please contact your nearest Emergency Department.

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