Special Procedures (Interventional Radiology)

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Special Procedures (Interventional Radiology) offers a full spectrum of diagnostic and interventional procedures. All Technologists are ARRT registered and RNs are ACLS certified.

Contact Information and Hours

(865) 373-1526
Fax: (865) 373-1528
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Services offered

- Diagnostic Arteriography and Venography
- Angioplasty/stent placement
- Bone Marrow Biopsy
- Central venous access (Permacath, Portacath)
- Dialysis fistula/graft declotting
- IVC Filter placement
- Uterine Fibroid Embolization
- Liver embolization
- TIPS
- Biliary and genitourinary drainage
- Venous Thrombectomy/Thrombolysis
- Imaging-guided biopsies
- Other specialized procedures

Exam Information

An RN will call the patient prior to the procedure. During this call the RN will review pertinent patient information and history, i.e. prior exams, current medications, etc., and answer any questions. Keep in mind most procedures require fasting prior to the exam.

Always inform the technologist or RN if you are pregnant or may be pregnant.

Patients will be required to report to the hospital 2 hours prior to their exam. Patients must have an adult to drive them home post procedure and care for them at home. Patients on blood thinners may be required to stop taking the medication prior to the exam.

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Consult your physician or call your prescribing physician before stopping any medication.

Upon arrival, patients will be registered. After registration is complete, the patient will be taken to radiology holding room for preparation of the exam, i.e. medical history, IV line started if required, site preparation, etc.

The Interventional Radiologist will explain the procedure prior to the exam and consult with the family to answer questions. The procedure may require conscious sedation with an IV, and the patient will be monitored at all times by an RN. Actual procedure time will vary dependent upon the type of procedure.