Finding out the results

A report of the results will be sent to your physician and your physician will discuss the results with you during a follow-up visit. For exams that deliver treatment, the interventional radiologist will immediately be able to discuss with you the results of the procedure.

Your appointment:

Patient Name:_______________________________________

Date/Time:_______________________________________

We will advise you when to arrive for your procedure, as our radiology nurse will be contacting you the evening before your scheduled exam.

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Our technical staff includes state licensed radiology technologists who are certified in the advanced practice of interventional procedures by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT). Our board certified interventional radiologists have expertise in interventional procedures to interpret scans.

If you have any questions about your scheduled procedures, please call (860) 545-3292. We encourage anyone with special needs to call us.
Preparing for Interventional Radiology

- Please do not eat or drink 6 hours prior to the procedure.
- Please take small sips of water with your usual medications.
- Please bring your daily medications in their labeled container with you.
- Blood laboratory work is necessary prior to the procedure. Your physician will advise and order the required laboratory work prior to the exam.
- You will also be contacted the evening before by our radiology nurse to review the exam and answer any questions you may have.

What happens during an Interventional Radiology exam?

When you arrive, our interventional radiologist will explain the exam and answer any questions. We will also review your medical history, including allergies and any past imaging procedures.

Our radiology nurse will place an intravenous line in your arm. This line will enable us to give you fluids and medications to alleviate discomfort during the procedure. You will feel relaxed, but will remain awake as you will need to follow breathing instructions during the procedure. Your blood pressure will be taken, and a small probe will be placed on your finger to monitor your blood oxygen levels. We will also place a cardiac monitor during the procedure.

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Precautions and key information

- Please do not take Glucophage (Metformin) for 48-hours after your procedure, you will need a blood test before resuming your medication and the results must be cleared through the Interventional Radiology Department before restarting your Glucophage (Metformin). If you have any questions, please ask the radiology nurse at 545-3292 during weekdays or 545-2861 during evenings and weekends.
- Patients should inform our staff of any contrast reactions or allergies before the exam.
- You will be asked to change into a gown before your examination to avoid possible interference from snaps or other metal fasteners in clothing.

Please let us know if you are pregnant or may be pregnant.