



Patient identification label

CARDIAC CATHETERISATION / CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY CONSENT

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Cardiac Catheterisation is the insertion of specially designed catheters into an artery and / or vein up to the heart to acquire x-ray pictures of the coronary arteries and heart chambers and enables the measurement of pressures in the heart. You will be provided with further detailed information on your admission to the Eastern Heart Clinic.

The Doctor will inject local anaesthetic into the skin in the groin area (or occasionally in the arm). Once the skin has been anaesthetised a small tube is placed in the artery and / or vein. A selection of catheters will be passed individually through the tube, usually in the leg (occasionally in the arm) and directed up to the heart via the major blood vessels.

An Iodine based radiographic dye (contrast) is injected into the arteries and / or heart and X-ray pictures are taken. It is imperative that you inform the Nursing and Medical staff if you have had any previous allergic reaction to dye / contrast.

In the majority of cases Cardiac Catheterisation is relatively simple and free of complications but there are certain risks about which you will need to be informed of. There is a moderate risk of bruising around the puncture site and / or bleeding from the hole in the artery / vein. This risk is increased if you are overweight, have high blood pressure or you have been taking Warfarin. Occasionally surgical repair is required. There is a small risk of infection (1 in 1000 chance). There is a small chance of developing chest pain during the procedure and the risk of a heart attack is minor (1 in 2000 chance). There is a small risk of having a stroke (1 in 1000 chance). Death is a rare complication. The chance of a temporary abnormal heart rhythm or a vascular complication is moderate (1 in 250).

These procedural risks will vary between individuals and depend on pre-existing risk factors and medical conditions so please discuss these issues with your Doctor if you are concerned. Your Cardiologist believes that the benefit of the procedure outweighs the risks outlined.

For this procedure we may have supplier representatives present to assist during the procedure.

CONSENT

I have read the above information and had the opportunity to ask questions and I am happy with the response. I hereby give my consent to undergo Cardiac Catheterisation and Coronary Angiography.

Patient / Guardian: _____ / _____ / _____
Signature Print Name Date

Doctor: _____
Signature Print Name

Interpreter: _____
Signature Print Name

FURTHER PATIENT DECLARATION

I have received a copy of the "Outcome Data Information Sheet" and I have read and understood my Rights and Responsibilities.

Patient / Guardian: _____
Signature Print Name