

Information for patients having a venogram

What does a Venogram involve?

You will be asked to change into a hospital gown. A small needle (venflon) will be inserted into your hand or arm. During the procedure we will inject contrast which is visible under x-ray.

The x-ray machine will move over you. The clicking and bleep noises you will be able to hear is the machine taking images.

As the contrast is injected you will feel a warm flush go up and down your limb. We may need to inject contrast several times this is normal procedure and will enable us to obtain as much information as possible.

After the procedure we will remove the venflon and a small amount of pressure will be applied followed by a dressing. You will then be able to get dressed and go home.

Are you taking medication?

If you take anticoagulants it is important that you contact us on receipt of this letter on 0121 424 7162/7192

Diabetic patients taking METFORMIN must stop taking the drug on the day of the procedure and for 48 hours after. This is due to the drug sometimes reacting with the contrast. Please inform us if you are a diabetic by ringing us on receipt of this letter and informing the nursing staff on arrival.

If you have any queries or require further information please contact either your dialysis nurse or contact the radiology department direct

0121 424 7162 or 424 47192