

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## AV FISTULAGRAM

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**Patients:**  
These are the instructions for your  
scheduled procedure in our  
Diagnostic Imaging Department.

### Scheduling

Your examination has been scheduled for:

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time so you can register. When you arrive to register, please follow the guidelines below to know where to sign in:

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

### Purpose

This procedure is performed in order to take an image of the graft used for dialysis. The purpose is to look for patency and blockages in the AV fistula.

### Preparation

You should not eat or drink for at least two hours before the procedure.

\*\* This procedure requires the injection of a contrast agent. You may have heard it referred to as "x-ray dye". If you are diabetic, currently breastfeeding, allergic to shellfish or iodine or have had a previous reaction to contrast agent or "x-ray dye", please inform your physician or the Diagnostic Imaging staff before your procedure by calling the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.

### Procedure

A small needle is inserted into the AV fistula. The contrast agent will be injected through this needle and multiple images will be acquired. A blood pressure cuff will be applied for several of the images and then removed. A fluid will then be administered through the needle to flush out the contrast. The entire procedure takes approximately 45 minutes.

### Results

The radiologist will review your exam and send a written report to your doctor. You will have to contact your doctor for the results. Your physician will discuss the results with you as appropriate. The technologist will be unable to give you any information or interpretation about the results of your exam.

If you have questions concerning your upcoming procedure, please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.