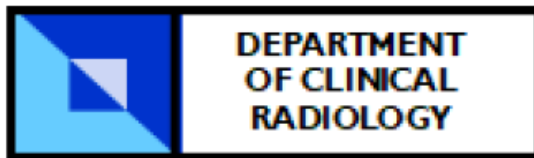


Attending a cerebral angiogram

Information for patients



Your appointment

The angiogram takes place in the Department of clinical Neurosciences X-ray unit at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP), but you will be asked to report to a ward within the DCN building to complete necessary paperwork prior to your angiogram. This maybe as early as 07:30 to allow for your angiogram, hopefully taking place first thing in the morning. The angiogram room offers emergency services to patients so there is a possibility of cancellation or delays whilst we carry out the emergency procedures. We will keep you informed once you have arrived as we appreciate this may be an anxious time for you.

As we perform angiograms for patients across Scotland and if you live within a reasonable distance, we may ask you to attend a preadmission appointment on a different day where you will be seen by staff to assess your fitness for the procedure. If you live very far away e.g. Highlands and Islands, we will complete the necessary assessment the day before your procedure and you will be asked to report back for the angiogram the next day.

Please be aware you cannot drive home after the angiogram and need to have someone staying with you at home the night of your procedure.

Details of your visit will be sent to you in a letter. You will receive two letters if preadmission has been arranged for you. If you have any queries about your appointment date, or if you need to change it, please telephone the number given on your appointment letters.

Please remember to let us know if you have changed your name, address or GP, so that we can update our records.

If you do not speak English and need to have an interpreter for your appointment, please telephone the department on 0131 312 0863 and we will arrange this for you.

Accommodation

We do not provide accommodation for patients attending for cerebral angiograms as this is a day case procedure and your visit with us will be in a day bed area only. However, the hospital is only a short distance away from the city centre and visitors to Edinburgh have a large range of accommodation options to choose from. For more information please visit www.visitscotland.com or www.booking.com

Help with your fares and accommodation

If you are in receipt of certain social security benefits or live in the Scottish Highlands and islands, you are entitled to help with your travel and accommodation costs. If you are not in one of the above categories, you might still be able to claim a refund of your expenses. For more information on cost reimbursement please contact your local health board on the number provided in this leaflet prior to your appointment. In most cases, you are expected to pay for your travel and accommodation and claim back the costs, but an advanced payment may be possible.

For more information please visit:

www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/access/help-with-health-costs#travel-costs



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