

Discharge Instructions for Radial Angiography

What To Expect

- Your procedure was done by making a small puncture in your wrist. Once you are discharged from the hospital, please watch this area for bleeding or swelling.
- You can restart your usual diet and medications after your procedure (hold blood thinners for 24 hours, this includes aspirin and ibuprofen/Advil®)

Wound Care

- Twenty-four (24) hours after your procedure, remove the Tegaderm™ (occlusive) bandage and leave the puncture site open to air. If you have minor oozing, apply an adhesive bandage and remove it after 12 hours.

Restrictions

- **For first 24 hours:** Do not strenuously flex or overuse the affected wrist. Do not drive.
- **For 2 days (48 hours):** Do not soak your wrist. Gently wash the site with soap and water. Dry well. Do not apply powders, lotions, or ointments. No tub baths, whirlpools, or swimming.
- **For 7 days:** Do not lift anything heavier than 3-5 pounds with the affected wrist.

Bleeding and When to Call

- If you have bleeding, apply pressure to the puncture site with your thumb.
- If you see fresh bleeding, bright red blood, or a lump that is getting bigger at puncture site, apply pressure to the area and call the Interventional Radiology Center at **716-845-5992** or your treatment center (GI, GU, Breast, etc.) immediately. If the center is closed, your call will be answered by nurse triage or call center staff. If your doctor, or the on-call doctor, thinks you need to be seen, they may refer you to the Assessment and Treatment Center (ATC). The Roswell Park ATC is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.

Diagnostic Radiology Department: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone: 716-845-5992
After hours, call Roswell Park main number (24/7): 716-845-2300

If you feel you are in a life-threatening situation (chest pain, difficulty breathing, heavy bleeding), call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency department.