

FLUORESCEIN ANGIOGRAPHY

Fluorescein Angiography is a technique that enables the assessment of the circulation of blood in the retina at the back of your eyes.

What happens on the day?

In preparation for the test you will have drops put into your eyes to dilate the pupils. You will be asked to sign a consent form before having the injection.

A yellow dye called fluorescein will be injected into a vein in your arm and then the photographer will take a series of photographs with a blue light. All you have to do is keep your eyes still and open despite the brightness of the light.

Do I need someone with me?

If you are elderly or have a long way to come it is advisable to bring someone with you. You should not drive yourself home after this test.

Are there any side effects?

Sometimes people feel sick at the beginning of the test but this usually passes quickly.

Adverse reactions are rare but some people have an allergic reaction to the fluorescein which may take the form of a skin rash and/or breathing difficulties. If you have any allergies such as asthma, eczema or sea food allergies you should inform us.

The dye will give your skin a slightly yellowish colour and your urine will be a very bright yellow for the next day.

How long does it take?

The test itself takes about ten minutes but the drops will take about half an hour to work and you may wish to rest for a while before leaving the clinic, so you should allow approximately two hours for your visit to the Clinic for this test.

Administrative note:

The OPCS procedure code for this test is C8650 and if you have private health insurance please quote this code to your insurers in order to obtain preauthorisation for your claim.