Fluorescein and indocyanine green angiography
On rare occasions you may have some discomfort in your eyes caused by the drops.

If you have any questions about the test not covered by this leaflet please ask any member of the medical or nursing staff.

**Contact information**

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please let the Booking Office know as soon as possible. This will allow us to give the appointment to someone else. You will find the contact number for the Booking Office on your appointment letter. The Booking Office is open:

Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Friday, 8:00pm to 4:00pm

Please contact the Eye Triage if you have an urgent eye/vision problem:

**Eye Triage**
Tel: 0300 422 3578
9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday

This number can also be used out of hours for an emergency eye problem.

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The dye travels through your blood circulation and reaches your eye very quickly. This dye is useful for examining the deeper blood vessels at the back of the eye called the choroidal circulation.

Photographs, video and scans are taken using a special digital camera with the aid of infrared light over a period of about 30 minutes.

A further injection of fluorescein dye will be given 2 to 3 minutes after ICG. Fluorescein is used to examine the retinal circulation. You will have further pictures taken for 5 to 8 minutes.

What do I need to bring with me?

Please bring with you your glasses and a list of any medication that you are currently taking. If you use inhalers or a GTN spray you should bring these with you. You may also want to bring a snack or some refreshments.

When will I know the results?

You may be given some provisional test results straight away, otherwise you will be told the results at your next out-patient appointment. If you do not already have a date and time for your next appointment then details will be sent to you within 2 weeks. If you have not received an appointment within this time please call the Triage Line. The number is at the end of this leaflet.

If the angiogram reveals that urgent treatment is needed you will be telephoned at home.

Are there any side effects?

Before having the test you should let the doctor know if you have had any recent serious problems with your general health and any allergy history.

Please let the nurse know when you attend for your test if you:

- suffer from asthma
- have any allergies, especially to shellfish or iodine
- think you may be pregnant
- are breastfeeding

Fluorescien dye gives the skin a slight yellow tinge and the urine is coloured bright yellow. This fades after 1 or 2 days.

If you have diabetes the fluorescein dye may temporarily cause blood sugar readings to be higher than normal.

Most people feel no ill effects from having either or both dyes injected apart from the blurring of vision caused by the drops and some dazzle from the camera flash. A small number of people feel slightly sick during the test, but the feeling rarely lasts for more than a few seconds. Serious side effects are rare.

After the test

You will be asked to wait in the Eye Department for 15 minutes before leaving the hospital.

If you develop skin blotches, irritation or breathing problems after the test you should immediately return to the hospital.