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Fluorescein Angiography Information

(Procedure Code C8650)

Fluorescein angiography is a test that involves taking a special set of photographs of the back of the eyes. The result will help your Consultant refine the diagnosis and the best form of treatment.

An injection of yellow fluorescein dye is given into a vein in the arm. The dye travels throughout the body and as the dye travels through the blood vessels at the back of the eyes a series of photographs are taken. The photography part of the procedure takes about 15 minutes.

Are there side effects?

The dye may give your skin a yellow tinge and your urine may be yellow/green for one or two days. Drinking plenty of water during this time will help to flush the dye out of your system.

You will notice some blurring of vision caused by the drops and some dazzle from the camera flash. This will settle down in a few hours. You may feel briefly nauseated immediately after the injection. You may develop a rash or itching following the test. More severe allergic reactions are rare.

Following the test you should stay in the department for a while. This is to ensure that you do not have adverse reactions.

- Eat, drink and take any medication as normal before the test.
- Your pupils will be dilated for the test
- Do not drive home
- Your driver will need coins to pay for hospital car parking. Your total stay will be around 90-120 minutes

The test takes places at

Ophthalmology Department
University Hospital of North Staffordshire

The test appointment is on _____

at _____

Please show this sheet to the nurse on arrival so that dilating drops can be instilled

<i>Patient name</i>	
<i>Please dilate with tropicamide 1% and phenylephrine 2.5% both eyes on arrival</i>	<i>Consultant signature</i>