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An information guide



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What is a venogram?

A venogram is an x-ray test that takes pictures of blood flow through the veins in a certain area of the body.

Who performs your investigation?

A radiologist will perform your investigation assisted by a radiographer.

Radiologists are doctors specially trained to interpret the images and carry out more complex examinations. They are supported by radiographers who are highly trained to carry out x-rays and other imaging procedures.

Are there special preparations required prior to the examination?

No.

What does the test involve?

You will be asked to remove all clothes except your underwear and to put on a hospital gown. You will then be taken into the x-ray room. You will be asked to lie down on the x-ray table and a small needle will be placed into a vein, either in your hand or your foot, depending on where your problem is.

X-ray dye will be injected through the needle and pictures of the dye taken as it travels through your veins. At the end of the examination the needle will be removed and a plaster applied.

How long does it take, is it a painful procedure?

It will take about 20 to 30 minutes to do the examination.

This is not a painful procedure though occasionally positioning of the needle causes slight discomfort. This is similar to having a blood test.

Are there any side effects / after effects?

Occasionally injection of the dye, may give you a faint metallic taste in the back of your throat, you may feel warm and may feel as though you are passing water. These are normal effects associated with the x-ray dye and wear off relatively quickly.

The examination does involve using a small amount of radiation. This dose is kept to a minimum to reduce the risks to yourself and is monitored by radiographers, who are highly trained to carry out X-rays and other imaging procedures.

If you think you are pregnant or you are breast feeding please contact the department as soon as possible, **PRIOR** to you procedure, as radiation may be harmful to the unborn child'.

How do you get the results of your investigation?

The results will be sent to the consultant who referred you.

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If you did not make us aware you are diabetic when we arranged your appointment, please contact us on 0161 778 2233 to let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your investigation please contact the Booking Centre on 0161 778 2233.

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