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Fluorescein Angiography and Indocyanine Green Procedure

Information leaflet for Fluorescein (FFA) and Indocyanine Green (ICG) angiography procedure

This leaflet answers frequently asked questions about fundus angiography procedures.



What is Fluorescein (FFA) and Indocyanine Green (ICG) angiography?

This test is performed in the Ophthalmology Clinic. This test gives information about the condition of retina at the back of the eye and the ICG test gives details about the layers of blood vessels underneath the retina. Your vison will be tested, and then your pupils dilated which will blur your vision for several hours. The test involves an injection of dye into the bloodstream via a vein in the hand or arm. A series of photographs are then taken over several minutes. No X-rays or radioactive materials are used. This test will help the doctor to decide the best treatment options for you.

This procedure will be explained to you by the doctor and you will have to sign a consent form before the procedure.

Do

- Arrive at least 15mintues prior to your appointment
- Ensure you eat and drink as normal before appointment
- It is compulsory to take your regular medication especially if you are on diabetic and blood pressure tablets (please bring your medications and a list of them along to your appointment)
- Ensure you always maintain a good glycaemic and blood pressure control prior to your appointment.
 Otherwise, should there be any deviation on baseline observations; this procedure can be cancelled on the day.
- You may bring someone along for support

Don't

 Do not drive to this appointment as your vison will be blurred for several hours

Side effects

Common side effects include the fluorescein dye giving your skin a yellow tinge. It will also cause your urine to be bright yellow for 1 to 2 days. We advise patients to drink a lot of water to help flush the dye out of your system. These changes will not be permanent. You might also feel slight nausea but this usually wears off. Very rarely you can get a serious allergic reaction but if this occurs there is medical assistance available in clinic.

Post procedure

After the procedure, your observations will be taken to ensure you are stable. You will then see the doctor for details of the test result and your cannula will be removed before leaving the clinic.

Should you have any further questions on these procedures, please feel free to ask the doctor.