

Access Removal by Interventional Radiology

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- ◆ The Interventional Radiologist will explain the procedure in detail and answer any questions you may have regarding the procedure.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PROCEDURE

- ◆ Nothing to eat or drink 6 hours prior to your procedure
- ◆ You should take your regularly scheduled medications.
- ◆ Bring a list of your medications with you, including inhalers if you use them.
- ◆ If you are diabetic and on insulin, check your blood sugar by finger stick. Bring your own glucometer if you have one.
- ◆ If you take Coumadin, Plavix, low molecular weight heparins, (such as Fragmin or Lovenox), you will need to contact your Primary Care Physician for permission to discontinue any of these medications prior to your procedure. **If you are a dialysis patient, contact your Nephrologist.** Then follow these instructions:

Coumadin, Plavix, or Aspirin.....Stop taking 5 days prior to procedure date.

Low molecular weight Heparins

Such as Fragmin or Lovenox.....Stop taking 24 hours prior to procedure date.

- ◆ Please contact your primary care doctor after the procedure about restarting your medications, and when your blood test should be taken.
- ◆ We will make every attempt to start your procedure on time, however, due to emergencies and unpredictable changes in other procedures, we are sometimes delayed. We appreciate your patience and thank you ahead of time.

SEDATION

The majority of patients have only local anesthesia. In some cases, sedation is used. If you received sedation, the medication is still in your system. Therefore, we would like you to take it easy for the rest of the day (do not drive and avoid drinking alcohol).

RECOVERY/HOME

- ◆ We will provide discharge instructions prior to discharge.

For questions, please call the Interventional Radiology Department at 503-413-7127.