

Re: Angiography ?

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It seems to me I heard somewhere that Larry D Gibbs wrote in article <XvudnTIKTs1eK7zZnZ2dnUVZ_u-dnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxx>:

I am scheduled to have an Angiography done next Monday and would like to know what to expect i.e. will I be able to work the next day, how long will I need to remain at the hospital and any other information on what to expect.

Your doctor is the best single source. Other readers probably can suggest informative web sites which can be a good resource.

FWIW, I can give you a general idea of my own experience, but no one, even your doctor, can tell you specifically what will happen to one person (you) on that one day because some outcomes depend on exactly what they find. Possibilities include placing stents and, in more extreme cases, bypass surgery (I doubt this is your case since the scheduling of your procedure sounds pretty routine).

For me, both times I had angioplasty I was awake during the procedure, and at times able to see the monitor where the doctor was watching the probe within the arteries and he could show me constricted areas. I was probably mildly sedated but don't remember that specifically. Following the procedure the medical staff put a weighted pad over the insertion point in my groin, and I was supposed to not move that leg for several hours. I mostly succeeded, at least well enough that I didn't open the wound and start bleeding again.

The next morning after a final checkout I was able to go home.

I was retired at the time so work was not an issue. I was pretty much able to return to normal activities in a few days, depending mainly on the healing of the wound.

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