



Niagara Health is pleased to provide you with general information about your upcoming procedure.

## WHAT IS INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY?

Interventional radiology treats a wide range of conditions by performing a non-invasive procedure through a small incision. Various imaging methods like x-ray, cat scan or ultrasound can help guide the radiologist during the procedure.

## WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I PROVIDE BEFORE MY PROCEDURE?

A registered nurse from Interventional Radiology will call you before your appointment to discuss preparation for your procedure (ie: medications etc.).

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

You should wear comfortable clothing.

## WHAT IF I COULD BE PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?

A radiologist will have a conversation with you before your procedure to answer any questions.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE?

On the day of your procedure, you should bring:

- Your health card
- An updated list of medications you take

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT DURING MY PROCEDURE?

Every procedure is slightly different. The registered nurse will give you a brief description of what to expect during your procedure when they call.

## IS MY PROCEDURE PAINFUL?

Procedures can be uncomfortable but pain will be managed by local anesthetic as needed. Some procedures provide conscious sedation.

## HOW LONG WILL THE PROCEDURE TAKE?

Different procedures take a different amount of time. A procedure can range from 20 minutes to a couple hours. The registered nurse will ensure to inform you if you need to arrange for a ride home.

## WHERE WILL MY RESULTS BE SENT?

Results from your procedure will be sent to your ordering physician. For biopsy results, it will take about 7-10 business days.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER MY PROCEDURE?

A post procedure information package will be sent home with you to review. Any follow up questions and check-ins will be done with your ordering physician.