

AFTER THE PROCEDURE

The bright lights used to photograph your retina may colour your vision with a pink/red afterglow. This will disappear in a few minutes.

After the procedure your skin might turn yellow for several hours. This colour disappears as the kidneys filter the dye.

Your urine will turn bright yellow for up to 48 hours following the test.

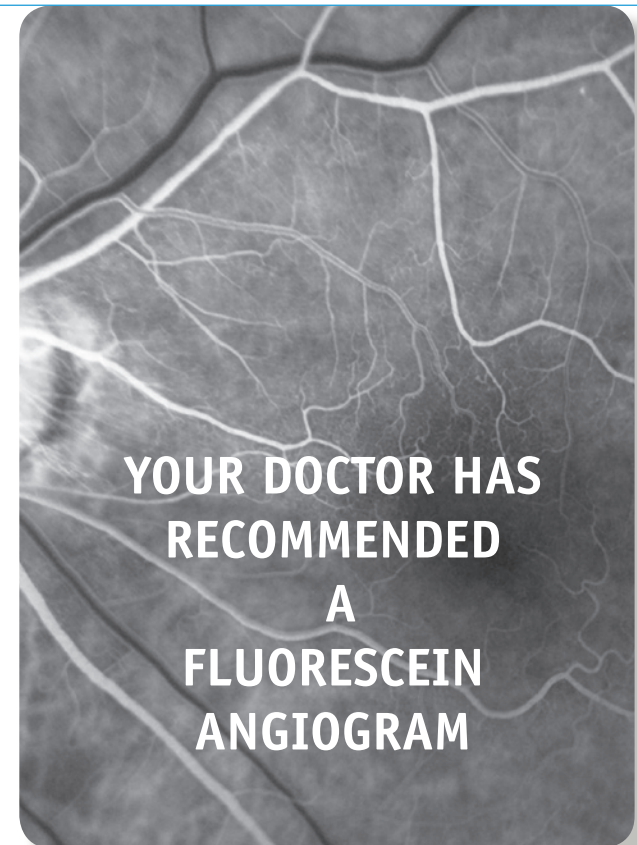
Our clinic nurse will answer any of your questions.

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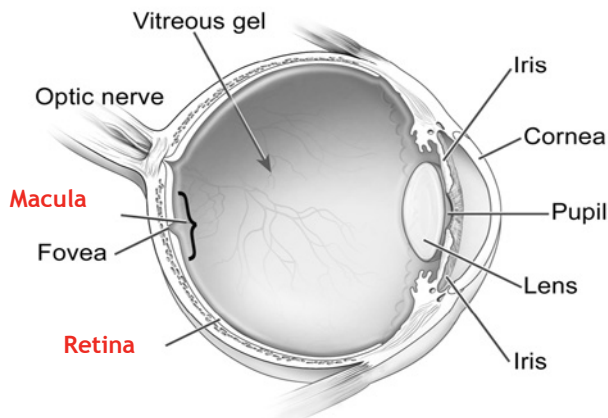


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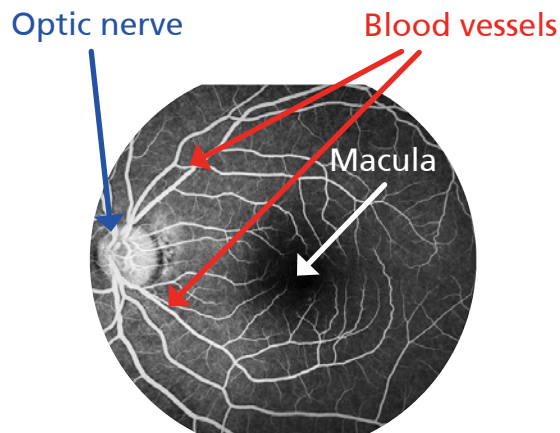
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FLUORESCIN ANGIOGRAPHY

is a diagnostic procedure that uses a special camera to record the blood flow in the **RETINA** - the light sensitive tissue at the back of the eye.



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Dye appears white in the blood vessels

The test is not an x-ray and does not involve any direct contact with the eyes. A fluorescent dye is injected into a vein in the arm. As the dye passes through the blood vessels of your eye, photographs are taken to record the blood flow into your retina. The photographs can reveal abnormal blood vessels or damage to the lining underneath the retina. Fluorescein angiograms are often recommended to follow the course of disease and to monitor treatment results.

BEFORE THE PROCEDURE

EAT, DRINK & TAKE your medications as you usually do.

DRINK an extra 2 - 3 cups of water before the procedure.

AVOID coffee, tea, or caffeinated beverages.

BRING an English translator.

BRING your lens case, if you wear contact lenses, as you will need to remove the contacts.

BRING a list of any prescribed medications you may be taking.

WHAT WILL YOU EXPERIENCE?

The actual procedure will take 10–20 minutes. The average length of stay in our department can be 1–2 hours.

After the pupils are dilated your vision may become blurred. Driving is not recommended when your pupils are dilated.

Some individuals might experience slight nausea during the procedure. The feeling passes within a few seconds.

If the dye leaks out of a fragile vein during the injection, some localized burning and yellow staining of the skin may occur.

Allergic reactions to the dye are rare. If they occur, they may cause a skin rash and itching. This reaction is treated with antihistamines. Severe allergic reactions are extremely rare.