

## Ophthalmology Department

# Fluorescein Angiography

### What is it?

Your Eye Specialist has advised further investigation of your eye or visual problem. Fluorescein angiography is a test which will help the doctors assess the blood circulation and possible diseases at the back of your eye.

### What happens?

- Expect your visit for the test to be approximately two hours.
- You will have eye drops instilled into your eye(s) to enlarge your pupil(s).
- A needle/cannula will be inserted into a vein in your arm so the dye can be injected into it.
- A series of photographs will be taken as the dye passes through the back of the eye.

### Is there anything I should tell the doctor/nurse before I have the test?

It is important to let us know before the test of any general medical conditions.

- If you have any allergies.
- If you are pregnant or think you may be.
- If you are asthmatic or have breathing problems.
- If you have a heart condition.

Please wear loose fitting clothing.

### Are there any side effects?

Occasionally side effects such as nausea may occur, and rarely an allergic reaction to the fluorescein can occur.

After the test your skin will have a yellow tinge to it and your urine will be a shade of yellow/brown. This can last up to 48 hours until the dye passes through your body.

## What about treatment?

You will be given a further appointment for advice on the results of the developed photographs, and your specialist will advise you if laser or other treatment is necessary.

## Driving

Your vision will be blurred for a few hours so you must not drive, ideally bring someone to accompany you for the test.

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