



## Cardiac catheterization (dye test)

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Abstract: This pamphlet will help you learn about having a cardiac catheterization (dye test) and what to expect after going home. This test shows the arteries that supply your heart muscle with oxygen, and how well your heart muscle and valves are working. This pamphlet describes how the test is done, getting ready for the test, and what will happen on the day of the test. What to expect if the test is done through your groin or wrist is explained. Information on what to expect after the test includes: when you can eat, medications, when you can take off the dressing, when you can have a bath, when you can go home, and when you can drive. What to do if you have bleeding and when to seek medical attention is explained. The French version of this pamphlet 1120, "Cathétérisme Cardiaque (test avec colorant)", is also available.

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