

# PICC PLACEMENT

# Patient Information

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- All patients must register in the North Patient Tower **1 hour** prior to the procedure.
- NO blood work (labs) is required before procedures, unless on blood thinners. This may be done prior to the procedure if needed.
- The Interventional Team will explain the procedure in detail and answer any questions you may have regarding the procedure.
- You may have an “Intravenous Catheter” (IV) placed after you arrive.
- You may have a local anesthetic (numbing medicine) to diminish any discomfort.

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PROCEDURE

- You must have a referring physicians order.
- If you are allergic to any medications, foods, or skin preparations soaps/agents, please inform the IR staff or your nurse. However, if you are allergic to “iodinated intravenous contrast” or “IV Dye” you may need to discuss this with your referring physician before he/she orders the procedure or test.
- Bring a list of your medications with you, including inhalers if you use them.
- If you have any further questions regarding this you can call the Interventional Radiology Department at 770-219-7448.
- **If you take blood thinners, such as, Coumadin, Plavix, Aspirin or Lovenox, you will need to contact your Primary Care Physician for permission to discontinue any of these medications prior to your procedure.**
- Then follow these instructions:
  - Coumadin, Plavix, or Aspirin.....Stop taking 5-7 days prior to procedure date.
  - Lovenox.....Stop taking the day before the procedure.
- We will make every attempt to start your procedure on time; however, due to emergencies and unpredictable changes in other procedures, we are sometimes delayed. We appreciate your patience and thank you ahead of time.

## RECOVERY/HOME

- We will provide discharge instructions prior to discharge.
- Please contact your Primary Care Physician after the procedure about restarting your medications, and when your blood tests should be taken.



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