


EXAM: CTA (ANGIOGRAPHY) HEAD Imaging Department 330-596-7700 Scheduling 330-596-7187	
INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. Used to assess the arterial blood vessels in your head.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Table weight limit is 650lbs. Please let your physician and imaging staff know if you have any allergies, especially to iodine. There is a possibility that blood work may be necessary to assess kidney function for the use of CT contrast.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	The exam itself will only take a few minutes, but there is some time needed for blood work and results and paperwork. Most likely you will be pre-registered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right. If you are having blood work prior to the exam to check kidney function, check in at the registration department 1 hour prior to your exam. This is the first office on the right past the main lobby.
PREPARATION:	Patient should have <i>nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to the exam</i> . Prior to that the patient should be sure to drink plenty of water to be well hydrated for the placement of the IV.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	If patient is taking glucophage, glucovance, metformin, or avandamet they will need to discontinue use 1 day prior to the exam and 2 days after if having IV contrast.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	An IV will be placed into a vein in the arm and a contrast will be injected. This contrast helps the blood vessels to be visualized on CT. The patient can expect to get a warm sensation all over, especially in the pelvic and bladder area. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.