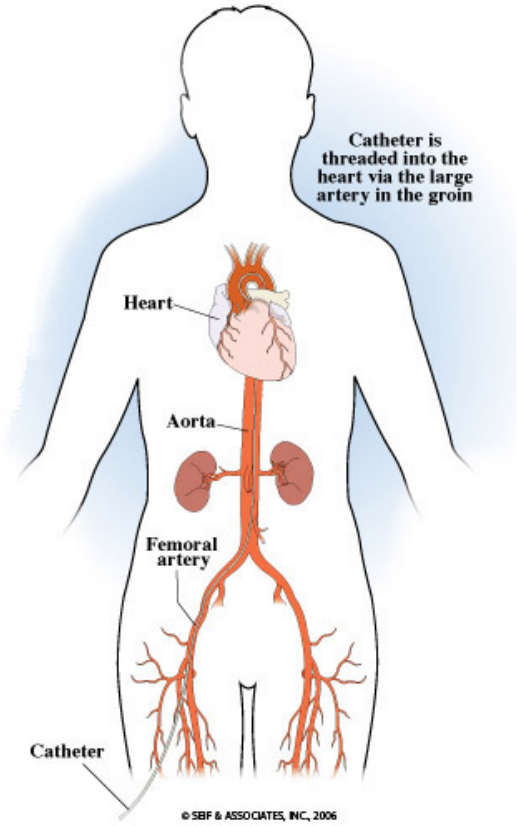
Angioplasty
Care After Procedure

Please read the instructions outlined below and refer to this sheet in the next few weeks. These discharge instructions provide you with general information on caring for yourself after you leave the hospital. Your cardiologist may also give you specific instructions. While your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, unavoidable complications occasionally occur.



AFTER THE PROCEDURE:
- You will stay in bed for several hours.
- The access site will be watched and you will be checked frequently.
- Blood tests, x-rays and an EKG may be done.
- You may stay in the hospital overnight for observation.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS
- Take all medications exactly as directed. You may need to keep taking blood thinners if they were prescribed for you.
- Limit your activity for the first 48 hours. Avoid bending the place where the catheter was inserted.
- Follow instructions about when you can drive or return to work.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:
- You develop chest pain, shortness of breath, feel faint, or pass out.
- There is bleeding, swelling, or drainage from the catheter insertion site.
- You develop pain, discoloration, coldness, or severe bruising in the leg or arm that held the catheter.
- You develop bleeding from any other place such as the urine or bowels. This may be bright red blood in urine or stools, or also appear as black, tarry stools.
- An oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C) develops.

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