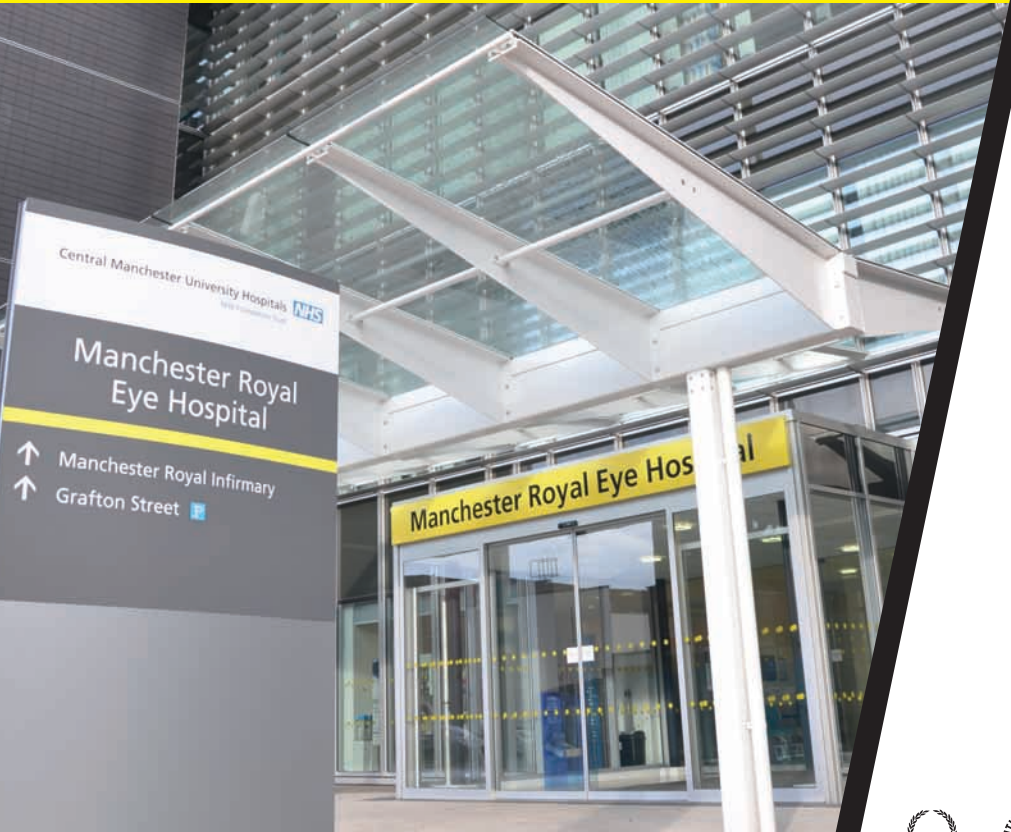




Manchester Royal Eye Hospital

Fluorescein Angiography

Information For Patients



What is Fluorescein Angiography?

Fluorescein angiography is a diagnostic photographic test that uses a dye to give a detailed view of the back of your eye. This assists your doctors in deciding on the best treatment for your condition.

Where do I go for the test?

The test is carried out in Clinic E, which is situated on the ground floor of the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital. When you arrive at the reception desk please hand in your appointment letter so that the clerical officer knows you have arrived.

What happens in the clinic?

A nurse will then explain the procedure to you and take relevant details relating to your general health. It is important that you inform the nurse at this point if you are sensitive to **any drugs, are pregnant, or are breast-feeding**. You will be asked to sign a consent form, which confirms your agreement to undergo the procedure.

The nurse will then put drops into the eye that is to be photographed. These drops enlarge the pupil (black part of the eye) and take about 20-30 minutes to work. As these drops temporarily blur your vision for 6-8 hours, it is advisable not to drive yourself to your appointment. You may wish to bring a pair of sunglasses with you to protect your eyes from bright light following the procedure. Following this the nurse will insert a cannula (a small tube) into a vein in your forearm or the back of your hand, in order to inject the dye at a later stage.

When your pupils are dilated, you will be taken into the camera room and seated in front of the camera. The photographer will then take three or four pictures. Following this, the nurse will inject a small amount of dye through your cannula. Further pictures will be taken.

The test takes about five minutes and a nurse will be present throughout. Whilst there is no need to touch the front of your eye during this test, the nurse may give assistance to hold your eyelid open if required.

Are there any side effects?

Most people feel no ill effects following this procedure apart from temporary blurring of their vision and dazzle from the camera flash. The dye will give your skin a slight yellow tinge and your urine will be bright yellow for one or two days. This is normal and is because of the dye.

The results need to be studied carefully by your doctor before a decision regarding possible treatment options is made. The results may be discussed with you on the day or you will be given a follow up appointment before you leave.

Please make sure that you know when your next outpatient appointment is before leaving the department.

It is important that you take any tablets or medicine as normal, and to eat and drink as normal on the day of your appointment. Please remember to bring all your medication, or a list of your current medication with you.

If you have any questions with regard to Fluorescein angiography or anything contained in this information leaflet, please contact a member of staff on 0161 276 5183 Monday – Thursday 8.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 8.00 am – 4.00 pm. If you are unable to contact staff on this number please phone Ward 55 on 0161 276 5512 available 24 hours everyday.

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