



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Newark, New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

Interventional Radiology Pre-Procedure Requirements

1. All patients are required to not eat or drink (NPO) after midnight prior to procedure
2. All patients with a history of seafood/shellfish allergies need to be pre-medicated with a prednisone prep prior to procedure
3. Patients with renal disease may require a mucomyst protocol (Acetylcystine)
4. Patients taking Aspirin daily must stop for 5-7 days before procedure (patients on other NSAIDs, such as Motrin, Advil, Motrin IB, Naprosyn, and Aleve must stop at least 3 days before procedure).

***Please contact your Cardiologist before stopping Aspirin therapy.**

5. Patients on anticoagulants must stop medication according to the instructions below:
 - Coumadin- at least 3 days before procedure
 - Lovenox- at least 1 day before procedure

***Please contact your Primary Care Physician before stopping anticoagulants**

6. Patients with low platelets or high INR will need to be transfused with the appropriate blood products before procedure.
 - Platelet count must be $> 50,000$
 - INR must be < 1.5
7. All labwork to include **CBC, BMP, PT/INR** must be available and **less than 30 days old**.

Patients will be asked to report to Same Day Surgery or the Angiography suite on the day of procedure.