

The Day of Your Procedure

Upon arriving at Marion General Hospital, you will go directly to the Cardiac Cath services entrance, which is located just to the right of the main entrance of the hospital. A nurse will escort you to our holding area and a brief bedside registration will be performed. Initially, your nurse will need privacy to prepare your procedure. After just 15 - 30 minutes, your visitor(s) (one or two only) will be allowed to join you in the holding area.

When you are taken to the cardiac cath lab, we will ask your visitor(s) to wait in the cardiac cath services waiting area. The cardiologist or a staff member will contact your visitor(s) after your procedure is complete.

You will return to the holding area following your procedure, unless, of course, you are in need of angioplasty. As previously stated, if you do need angioplasty you will be asked to spend the night in our cardiovascular care unit.

Following Your Procedure

Your cardiologist will give you a preliminary report of the test findings immediately and repair any stenosis, or narrowed area if need be. Afterwards, we will frequently monitor your blood pressure and other vital signs of your overall health. In the event that you need cardiac angioplasty, the staff and/or cardiologist will explain why and what needs to be done. In the case that we are unable to provide you cardiac angioplasty due to the severe blockages of your arteries, your cardiologist will discuss the possibilities of other options, which may include open heart surgery. This service, too, is available at MGH and again will be discussed in more detail with you when applicable.