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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MYELOGRAM

Q. How long will I be in the hospital?

A. It is done outpatient in a few hours, and then you go home that day.

Q. Can I work the next day?

A. In most cases, Yes. However there are a few people who experience a headache afterwards. If this continues to get worse, you must lay flat, including no getting up to use the bathroom. If you follow those instructions it usually will go away. If it does not, you will need to call our office. These side effects occur from Irritation from the medicine.

Q. Does the procedure hurt?

A. Usually you will feel something like a bee sting and its over.

Q. Can I eat breakfast before the procedure?

A. Yes, we suggest a light breakfast and it helps to drink sweet fluids the day before.

Q. Can I drive myself?

A. We recommend you have someone bring you, because everyone reacts different To the dye we use.

Q. Why can't I go home immediately after the procedure?

A. You are kept for observation due to dyes that are used.

Q. What is the best way to lie after the procedure?

A. Hospital instructions state you should stay at 35* like sitting in a recliner. You can do that for the first few hours after you get home, after that Lay completely flat in the bed. You may roll side to side.

Q. When may I get up and move around?

A. Take your time getting up, do not get in a hurry to get to the bathroom. Also, do not get up within 6-8 hours after getting home.

Q. When do I call the doctor?

A. If your headache turns to nausea or vomiting.