

CONTRAINDICATION TO ARTERIOGRAPHY

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide a list of common contraindications for arteriography.

Policy: Contraindications include but are not limited to the following:

1. Recent myocardial infarction or serious arrhythmia.
2. History of serious drug or contrast reaction.
3. Impaired hematologic status, e.g. protime greater than twice the control, platelet less than 50,000 or polycythemia vera.
4. Evidence of impaired renal studies or worsening renal status.
5. Recent barium examination.
6. Inability to be recumbent, e.g. severe congestive heart failure, impaired respirator status. Discuss these with clinicians and explain the relative risks involved.
7. Left Bundle Branch Block with pulmonary artery studies.
8. There are no absolute contraindications if a diagnostic study is needed.

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