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Having a brain angiogram (Easy Read)



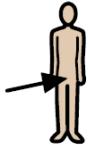
You have lots of blood vessels throughout your body. Blood carries oxygen (said: ock-see-jen) and goodness to every part of your body. Your body needs oxygen and food to work.



Your brain need oxygen to work properly. There are lots of blood vessels in and around your brain. A brain angiogram (said ann-jee-o-gram) is a scan to make a picture of the blood vessels in your brain.



You will have an anaesthetic (said an-ess-thet-ick) for the angiogram. You will not be able to feel anything or know what is happening during the angiogram.



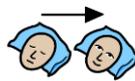
The doctor will put a thin tube into the top of your leg. They will move it up through your blood vessels to your brain.



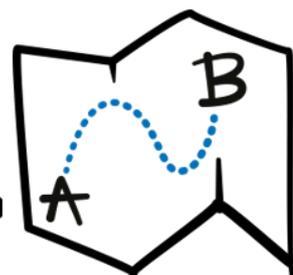
Next they will put some liquid into the tube. This shows your blood vessels as a different colour on the picture.

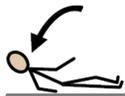


The doctor will take lots of pictures to show up your blood vessels.



When they have taken the pictures, the doctor will remove the tube and you will start to wake up from the anaesthetic.





You will need to lie flat on your back for about 4 hours afterwards. This is to make sure the top of your leg is alright.



The nurses will check you regularly to make sure you are getting better.



They will ask you to move your arms and legs and answer some questions.



The top of your leg might feel a bit sore. You can take pain medicines if you want.



We will send a report of the scan to your doctors.



Please ask us if you have any questions.

