MRA
(Magnetic Resonance Angiography)

What is a MRA Test?
MRA (Magnetic Resonance Angiography) is similar to a regular MRI, but only looks at your blood vessels.

Why is it done?
Doctors use this test to see if your blood vessels are becoming blocked, narrowed or damaged. Knowing these issues exist, can help ensure proper treatment to avoid problems like a heart attack, stroke or aneurysm.

How is it done?
- Some MRA tests require contrast to help your doctor get better views of your blood vessels. In this case, you will have an IV placed before the start of your test.
- During the test you will be lying on your back inside the scanner. It is important that you are comfortable so that you can lie still throughout the test.
- The camera during the test can be noisy. You will be given ear plugs or have the option to listen to music.
- The MRA test takes about 1 hour.

How do I prepare for the test?
- You do not have to do anything out of the ordinary to prepare for your test.

Do I have special instructions after the test?
- There are no special instructions after your test.

When will I get my results?
- Your results will reported to your doctor within 24 hours of your test.

If you have any questions, please call (314) 362-1636.