

# Care After a Procedure Using Fluoroscopy

## Possible Side Effects

Fluoroscopy is a type of medical imaging that uses X-rays to create images of the inside of your body.

X-rays used during fluoroscopy could cause a radiation skin injury (burn), hair loss or both in the area the procedure was done.

The risk of having one of these side effects increases as the length of the procedure increases. Your procedure was longer than average.

## After Your Procedure

You will need to ask someone to help you check your skin in the area the procedure was done for 1 to 3 weeks after your procedure.

You will need to watch for skin reddening or darkening (similar to a sunburn) or hair loss in that area.

The area will appear as a circle or rectangle and will usually measure 3 to 5 inches. You may also have itching or pain in that area.

Radiation skin burns behave differently than regular sunburns. It is important that you receive the right care early. This can reduce the side effects and symptoms of this condition.

## When To Call

If you notice any skin changes, hair loss or both, please call the location selected below.

Please tell the health care provider:

- you recently had a procedure using fluoroscopy
- you have a skin injury, hair loss, or both and you need to come in and be checked.

The health care provider will ask you for more information about your symptoms and will give you instructions about what to do next.

## Whom to Call

- **Abbott Northwestern Hospital**
  - Cardiovascular: 612-775-3133
  - Interventional Radiology: 612-863-4359
- **Mercy Hospital**
  - Cardiovascular: 763-236-8683
  - Interventional Radiology: 763-236-7573
- **Mercy Hospital – Unity Campus**
  - Interventional Radiology: 763-236-4175
- **United Hospital**
  - Cardiovascular: 651-241-2900
  - Interventional Radiology: 651-917-9930
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