

You have been given an appointment to attend the nurse led fluorescein- photography clinic.

At your previous clinic appointment your doctor will have discussed the reasons for requesting this test and will have obtained your written consent.

How long will the test take?

Please allow approximately 2 hours for your appointment.

When you arrive

You will meet the nurse who will be running the fluorescein- photography clinic.

It is **VERY** important to inform the nurse or staff if you have any of the following;

- Allergies to any drugs
- Kidney or liver disease
- You feel unwell at any stage of the test

Your vision will be tested and drops will be put into your eye to make your pupils dilate (very large).

An intravenous line (IV) will be inserted into a vein in your arm so that the fluorescein dye can be given.

Once these things have been completed you will be asked to wait whilst the nurse prepares the photography equipment.

When can I drive again?

The pupils of your eyes will remain dilated (very large) for approximately 4 hours. This will affect

your vision. For you own and other road users safety we recommend that you do not drive during this time.

What will happen during the test?

The photographer will first take colour images of the back of your eyes, and then black and white images.

The dye will then be given to you through the intravenous line and a rapid series of images will then be taken.

There is a very short time available to take these images (approximately 3 minutes), whilst the dye passes through the blood vessels in the back of your eye. It is important to stay as still as possible during this time and to follow the photographer's directions.

After the images have been taken, you will be asked to wait in the waiting area for about 10 minutes. Your intravenous line is then removed and you are then able to go home.

Contact us

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your test please call the **Eye Outpatient Department**

Phone: (04) 806 2675

Triage Nurse: 027 4333 477

Hours: 8.30am-4pm, Monday to Friday