

# Angiography

**Angiography** is the use of real-time X-ray images to evaluate the arteries or veins following the injection of contrast. The contrast is delivered through a thin catheter into the blood vessel. This shows the inside of the blood vessel and is used to locate blockages and other blood vessel problems. This is the primary method used to guide many procedures that interventional radiologists perform in the circulatory system, such as angioplasty, stent placement, embolization (blocking of blood vessels), thrombolytic therapy (dissolution of blood clots) and targeted delivery of chemotherapy.