

PAD Treatment: Preparing for Atherectomy

When you have Peripheral Artery Disease also called PAD, your healthcare provider may recommend a procedure called Atherectomy to restore healthy blood flow.

Your healthcare provider will give you specific instructions for your Atherectomy, but follow this checklist to help you prepare for it.

Do: Talk to your healthcare provider about the length of your hospital stay. You may be an outpatient, which means you will go home after the procedure, or you will stay overnight.

Do: Give your healthcare provider a list of all the medications you are taking. You may be asked to stop taking certain medications, including vitamins and supplements, several days before your treatment.

Do: Bring a list of your medications with you to the hospital for your healthcare team to review before your procedure.

Do: Let your health care team know as early as possible if you are allergic to latex, anesthesia, iodine or contrast agents, antibiotics or shellfish.

Do not: Eat or drink anything after midnight.

If you are told to continue to take certain medications, take them on schedule, with as little water as possible.

Do not: Arrive late to your procedure. Any remaining pre-procedure tests will need to be completed.

Do not: Drive until you are told you can do so by your healthcare team.

Make sure you have someone available to drive you home.

Your atherectomy is necessary to prevent the long-term complications of PAD.

Follow this checklist to help prepare for your procedure.