ARTERIAL EMBOLIZATION

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- **Includes:**
  - solid organ bland, chemo & radio embolization
  - GI bleed embolization
  - other bleeding embolization
  - uterine/prostatic artery embolization

Cerner EMR Order Name	Dept Order Entry Order Name
IR Embolization Any Method	IR Embolization Any Method

IR will add additional orders as needed.

For Providers

- **Need to hold blood thinners:** no
  Need to hold diabetic medications: yes (per infomation below)
- **Need to hold other meds:** no
- **Need to be NPO:** yes (8 hrs for food and non clear liquids, 2 hrs for clear liquids)
- **Need blood work:** not routinely checked *(if checked - platelets ≥20k and INR ≤3.0)*
- **Receive moderate sedation:** yes + local anesthesia

For Schedulers

- Requirements in **For Provider** section also apply.
- **Need imaging/radiologist review:** yes
- **Need H&P:** yes updated within 30 days of procedure date (must include heart & lungs exam)
- **Need a driver:** yes
- **Need bed in Short Stay / PACU:** yes
- **Need an IV:** yes
- **Arrival time:** 2 hrs prior to appointment
- **Stay after procedure:** 2-6 hrs after procedure (some procedures stay overnight)
- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Cohen (DC), Edwards (JE), Hoffman (RH), Padula (PA), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Sherard (DS)

Diabetic Medication Instructions

- Do not take any oral diabetes medications the morning of your procedure.
- Do not take short-acting insulin the morning of your procedure.
- Take only half your usual dose of long-acting insulin the evening before your procedure. Do not take long-acting insulin the morning of your procedure.
- Monitor your blood glucose throughout the day and take glucose tablets as needed.
- If you use an insulin pump, please contact your endocrinologist for further instructions.