After the Procedure
Once your tube insertion is complete, you will be transported to the Angiography Recovery Room where you will stay in bed for four (4) hours. During this time, your blood pressure and pulse will be monitored. The nurse will also monitor your insertion site regularly. If you feel unwell at any time please advise the nurse.

Going Home
You may not drive or take a taxi home alone after this procedure. Please make arrangements to have a friend or family member take you home. You may eat regularly when you go home. Before being discharged, you will receive specific instructions on how to care for your catheter and drainage bag.

How Long Will the Catheter Stay In?
Only your specialist can answer this question. You will be reviewed regularly and the best treatment will be decided by your doctor depending on your condition. This tube will need to be changed on a regular basis, and this will be arranged prior to your discharge.

What is a Biliary Drain Stent Insertion?
A normal function of the liver is to produce bile which is needed for the digestion of food. The bile drains through a series of small tubes (ducts), and eventually into a larger duct called the ‘common bile duct’. The common bile duct empties into the first part of your bowel (immediately following the stomach). If this duct becomes blocked, the bile cannot drain properly which may cause the liver to function improperly. The most common causes of blockages are gall stones and inflammation around the pancreas. It is possible to relieve the blockage by inserting a fine plastic tube (catheter) into the bile duct. This will allow the bile to drain into a collection bag on the outside of your skin. This is also referred to as a Percutaneous (through the skin) Biliary Drainage Tube. Once the catheter is placed into the bile duct, it is often possible to pass it beyond the blockage into your bowel. This allows the bile to drain normally. It can be done as part of your initial procedure, or may have to be performed at a later date.
Introduction
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the doctor who referred you for this procedure and be sure to advise if you have any dye/contrast allergies. If you need to change your appointment time or date, please contact the Medical Imaging department at 705-523-7100 ext. 8482.

Risks and Benefits
The benefit of this procedure is that it will lower the level of toxins in your blood, and will reduce the risk of serious infection. It is a very safe and quick procedure. Occasionally we are unable to place the tube into your stomach. In this case, your referring physician will discuss further options with you. It is common to have a small amount of bleeding where the catheter is inserted. Very rarely the bleeding is more severe and a blood transfusion or operation would be required.

The Day of the Procedure
You may not have any food for four (4) hours prior to your procedure. You may need to have a blood test.