

In a series of $\approx 10,000$ patients followed after [femoral artery catheterization](#)¹⁾ (e.g. for coronary angiography or [angioplasty](#)), [neuropathy](#) occurred in 0.2% (with an estimated range in the [literature](#) up to $\approx 3\%$). Risk factors identified include patients developing [retroperitoneal hematomas](#) or [pseudoaneurysms](#) after the [procedure](#), procedures requiring larger introducer sheaths (e.g. angioplasty & stent placement > diagnostic catheterization), excessive [anticoagulation](#) (PTT > 90 for at least 12 hours).

[Excruciating pain](#) after the catheterization procedure often preceded the development or recognition of [neuropathy](#).

¹⁾
Kent CK, Moscucci M, Gallagher SG, et al. Neuropathies After Cardiac Catheterization: Incidence, Clinical Patterns, and Long-Term Outcome. J Vasc Surg. 1994; 19:1008-1014

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