

Patient Information Regarding IV Contrast Injections

Your physician has ordered an examination that requires an injection of an IV contrast agent into your vein or joint space. This contrast agent will demonstrate any normal/abnormal features of organs and anatomy within the body that would otherwise not be visible without the contrast agent. The contrast will then be eliminated from your body by the kidneys. During this elimination process the kidneys, ureters, bladder, and urethra become visible on the radiographic images. This test is not a treatment but is for diagnostic purposes only.

Modern contrast agents have been shown to be safe, but there is still a risk of allergic reaction from the injection just like any other injection of medicine.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGIES TO IODINE, GADOLINIUM, FERIDEX
OR HAVE HAD ANY ALLERGIC REACTIONS TO CONTRAST IN THE PAST,
PLEASE INFORM THE TECHNOLOGIST PRIOR TO THE EXAM.**

Most patients experience no unusual effects from this injection. Once the contrast is injected you might experience a warm or cool feeling in your arm and/or have a metallic taste in your mouth. This is normal. Some of the reactions/side effects of IV contrast administration may include: nausea, hives, vomiting, rash, "warm feeling". Rare, but more serious reactions can include difficulty breathing, change in blood pressure and kidney failure. The technologist will be constantly observing you for any reaction but please let the technologist know if you start to experience any of the above. Medications are on hand to treat these conditions should they occur.

Signed: _____
(Patient, Parent or Gaurdian)

Date: _____

*******To be filled out by the technologist performing your exam.*******

Technologist: _____ Date: _____

Creatinine: _____ Result Date: _____ GFR: _____

Staff Radiologist: _____

MED RIS No. _____
PATIENT _____
PHYSICIAN _____
CHART NO. _____

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