

NORTH PITTSBURGH Imaging Specialists

Gadolinium Risk Assessment

Sometimes a Radiology procedure requires an injection of contrast. Gadolinium contrast is administered through a small needle or IV placed into a vein. During the administration of the contrast, you may experience the sensation of the contrast being injected or a cool feeling, which is normal and expected.

Gadolinium contrast is quite safe, however, as with all medications there is a slight risk of an allergic reaction. The physician and staff in the Radiology Department are trained to respond to any emergency situation that may develop. In addition, we use the safest contrast media which our Physicians believe is best for you.

For patients with severe renal dysfunction (on dialysis or GFR < 15 ml/min) who are scheduled for a Gd-enhanced MRI, the indications for the study should be assessed.

I have read and understood the above information

I have understood and answered the eligibility questions

Signature X _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Injection Site _____ Technologist _____

Drug _____ Time _____

Amount _____ GFR _____

Reaction : No ____ Yes ____ If Yes, explain : _____

For ALL MRI Patients with "Abnormal" Renal Function (eGFR <60), and/or Special Contrast instructions:

MRI/MRA Exam: _____ Multihance amt: _____

Rate of injection: _____ 0.9% Flush amt: _____

Physician's signature/Date _____