

Patient Information

Arden Cancer Centre

Radiotherapy CT Aftercare following Intravenous Injection (IV) of Contrast Medium and Oral Contrast Medium

Patient had IV contrast for Radiotherapy Planning

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Date of CT Planning Scan:

Oncology Consultant:

Name of Contrast:

If you have had IV contrast medium:

- Ensure you drink at least two to three litres of fluid over the next 24 hours following the procedure
- In the unlikely event that you experience any delayed allergic symptoms (skin rash) within 48 hours following your injection of contrast, please contact your GP for advice
- Please also inform the Radiotherapy Department so that details of the reaction can be noted in your records
- Sometimes the vein used for the injection collapses and some of the injected contrast may leak into the tissues during the injection. This is usually absorbed into the tissues with no ill effect, **however if you experience any redness or blistering of the arm over the next few days, please contact your GP urgently. If you are unable to contact**



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your GP go to A&E. Take this leaflet with you and hand to the attending doctor.

Diabetic patients with known or suspected renal impairment

- **You should have stopped taking NSAIDS**, as advised in the preparation instructions; you may recommence taking them the day following the procedure. Use paracetamol as a substitute for pain relief until then.

Breastfeeding

If you have had an IV contrast medium and you are breastfeeding, you should wait for 24 hours after your scan before you resume.

Useful information and telephone numbers:

The Cancer Information Centre 024 7696 6052

We can offer free support, practical advice and information to anyone affected by cancer. No appointments are required and an answer phone facility is available.

Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm, the Centre is located in the main entrance.

Or visit the internet: www.macmillan.org.uk

National telephone number 0808 808 0000

Lines are open Monday – Friday, 8.00 am – 9.00 pm

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Radiotherapy Reception: 024 7696 7304

For queries about appointments, parking and ambulance transport

Chemotherapy reception: 024 7696 7272

Cancer and radiotherapy Information and advice: 024 7696 7290

Macmillan Radiotherapy Specialist Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

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Oncology Outpatient Reception: 024 7696 6354

Monday – Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Oncology Ward 35: 024 7696 5525 or 024 7696 5528 or

024 7696 5531 (emergency only) Ask to speak to the Nurse in Charge –
24 hours

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 7493 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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