

Patient Information

Arden Cancer Centre

Radiotherapy CT aftercare following intravenous injection (IV) of contrast medium and oral contrast medium

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Date of CT planning scan:

Oncology consultant:

Name of contrast:

If you have had IV contrast medium:

- Make sure to drink at least 2 to 3 litres of fluids over the next 24 hours after the procedure.
- In the unlikely event that you experience any delayed allergic symptoms (such as skin rash) within 48 hours after your contrast injection, 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 may collapse and some of the injected contrast might leak into the tissues. 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 your GP, go to A&E. Take**



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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 restart taking them the day after 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, please wait for 24 hours after your scan before you resume breastfeeding.

Information and support

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 answering machine facility is available. The Centre is located on the ground floor in the main entrance.

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

Useful telephone numbers

Macmillan Cancer Support: 0808 808 00 00

www.macmillan.org.uk

Lines are open Monday – Friday, 8am to 9pm

Arden Cancer Centre 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

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Macmillan information and support radiographers: 024 7696 7290

Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm

Oncology Outpatient Reception: 024 7696 6354

Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm

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

024 7696 5531 (24-hour emergency advice) Ask to speak to the Nurse in Charge

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