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Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) with Gadolinium

Informed Consent

Your MRI examination may include images that require an injection of gadopentetate dimeglumine (subsequently referred to as gadolinium or contrast material). The gadolinium injection may allow the radiologist to identify additional details about your condition that might not be apparent without the use of gadolinium. In some areas, the examination is much less useful if gadolinium is not used.

Gadolinium will be injected into a vein at which time there may be a slight burning sensation at the injection site. Gadolinium is filtered out of the bloodstream by your kidneys and eliminated from your body in your urine approximately 24 hours after the injection.

Side effects are rare; the most common are nausea and/or vomiting, headaches and local discomfort at the injection site. Severe reactions are extremely rare.

I understand that I have the right to refuse the use of gadolinium and still undergo the imaging scan, although it may limit the usefulness of this scan.

We do not currently use gadolinium in patients who are pregnant, nursing or with certain kinds of anemia or sickle cell disease.

I have read and understand the above explanation. I am not pregnant, nursing and I haven't been diagnosed with Anemia or Sickle cell. I am aware of my choices and I fully consent to the examination.

Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of parent, guardian, or other legally responsible person if patient is a minor, disabled or otherwise unable to consent:

_____ **Date:** _____

Witness: _____ **Date:** _____

Notarized by: _____ **Date:** _____