



MRI CONSENT FOR CONTRAST

Your doctor has scheduled you for an MRI examination that requires an injection of contrast agent into your bloodstream. An MRI is a picture of what is inside you. Contrast shows up white on MRI scans and helps the radiologist see abnormalities that might not otherwise be visible and generally helps with scan interpretation. The contrast is also called a paramagnetic material and is a compound containing the element gadolinium. The contrast used by Santa Fe Imaging is Magnevist.

The contrast media is given through a small needle placed into a vein, usually on the inside of your elbow or on the back of your hand. Contrast media is considered quite safe. However, there is a small risk of harm, including injury to a nerve, artery or vein, infection or reaction to the material injected.

Minor reactions include nausea (1.5%), hives (.3%), headaches, sneezing, dizziness and transient tingling in the extremity injected. Very rarely, severe life threatening allergic reactions occur (less than .01%). The physicians and staff of Santa Fe Imaging are trained to treat these reactions. In very rare instances (less than 1/300,000), even with immediate, appropriate treatment, death can occur. The risk of severe consequences is less than that from penicillin administration.

❖ Are you allergic to any medication? YES NO

If YES, please list: _____

❖ Have you ever had a reaction to any contrast material given for an MRI? YES NO

If YES, please explain: _____

❖ Do you suffer from kidney or liver disease? YES NO

If yes, are you on dialysis? YES NO

Most recent: Creatinine _____ BUN _____ or GFR _____

❖ Are you pregnant or breast feeding? YES NO

NAME / DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____