

Care After an X-ray With Intravenous (IV) Contrast When Taking a Medicine Containing Metformin

General Information

The injection of intravenous (IV) contrast you received on _____ (date) at _____ a.m. / p.m. may change how your kidneys work.

This could lead to a rare but serious side effect (lactic acidosis) from the medicine you take to manage your diabetes.

To help prevent this side effect, it is recommended that patients who take any medicine containing metformin should stop taking this medicine for **48 hours after** a procedure when an IV contrast was used.

Examples of medicines that contain metformin include Glucophage®, Glucovance™, Avandamet®, Metaglip™, Glucophage XR®, Fortamet®, Glumetza™, Janumet™, Actoplus Met™, Riomet®, metformin ER and metformin.

Important Follow-up Information

- If you **were told** to stop taking your medicine that contains metformin for 48 hours after you received the IV contrast, call the health care provider who takes care of your diabetes today.
 - Ask him or her when you can start taking your **metformin** or medicine containing **metformin** again.
 - Ask him or her if you need blood work to check your kidneys before you start taking your **metformin** again.
- If you **were not told** to stop taking your medicine that contains metformin for 48 hours after you received the IV contrast, call the health care provider who takes care of your diabetes today.
 - Tell him or her that you received contrast and ask for directions.
- If you have an appointment with your health care provider, bring this sheet with you.
- If you have any questions, ask your health care provider.