

Care After an Intravenous (IV) Contrast Reaction

Your Exam

During your exam on _____ (date):

- CT (computed tomography) exam
- IVP (intravenous pyelogram) exam
- MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan
- angiogram
- other: _____

you received the following contrast:

Your Contrast Reaction

You had a reaction to the contrast. This may have caused:

Your Treatment

To treat this reaction you were given:

Contrast reactions can cause serious side effects. In the future when you are asked about your allergies, give the health care providers the information listed in this fact sheet.

What To Do

- Drinking extra water will help flush the contrast from your body as quickly as possible. Drink 4 extra 8-ounce glasses of water today if you are not on liquid restrictions.
- If you have more hives or other symptoms that won't go away, call your health care provider.
- Tell any future health care providers about your contrast reaction.

When To Call 911

Call 911 right away if you start wheezing or have shortness of breath.

Reminder

The hospital or clinic will keep a record of your reaction, but you will need to remember this reaction for other tests that have this contrast. Tell your health care provider you had a reaction.