

Intravenous (IV) Contrast

Contrast

You will receive an injection of intravenous (IV) contrast during your exam. The contrast is given through an IV line in your hand or arm.

During the injection you may feel warmth, nausea (upset stomach), a metallic taste, or the urge to urinate. These sensations are normal and don't last long.

Your kidneys will filter the contrast through your bloodstream into your urine. The contrast will not change the color of your urine.

Reaction Symptoms

There is a small chance you could develop a reaction to the contrast. **Reactions normally occur right after the injection.** Reactions are usually mild.

- Mild symptoms:
 - nausea (upset stomach), vomiting (throwing up) or both
 - nasal congestion
 - hives
 - facial swelling or flushing
- Severe symptoms:
 - wheezing
 - shortness of breath
 - drop in blood pressure
 - heart irregularities.

Your health care team will watch you carefully during the injection and exam.

If you have any symptoms of a reaction, you will stay at the hospital or clinic until you feel better. Team members are prepared to quickly treat any symptoms during your exam.

After the Exam

Drink up to four 8-ounce glasses of liquid today, unless your health care provider gives you other directions. This will help your kidneys flush the contrast out of your body.

When To Call Your Health Care Provider

Call your health care provider if you have any concerns or new symptoms.

When To Call 911

If you start wheezing or have shortness of breath, call 911. Do not delay. Do not drive yourself to a hospital or emergency care.