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CONSENT TO INJECTION
OF CONTRAST AGENT

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Your treating physician has scheduled you for an x-ray examination that requires injection of contrast agent (dye) in your bloodstream. The contrast agent helps the radiologist interpret certain x-rays or CT scans.

The contrast agent is given through a small needle placed into a vein. Normally, contrast agent is considered quite safe; however, any injection carries slight risk of harm including injury to a nerve, artery, or vein; infection; or reaction to the contrast agent being injected. Occasionally, a patient will have a mild reaction to the contrast agent and develop sneezing or hives. Uncommonly (1:1000) a serious reaction to the contrast agent occurs. The physicians and staff of the x-ray department are trained to treat these reactions. Very rarely (1:40,000), death has occurred related to contrast agent injections. The risk of such a serious consequence is similar to that from the administration of penicillin.

Certain patients who are considered to be at higher risk for experiencing a significant reaction to the contrast agent will receive a different contrast agent, called “low osmolar” or “non-ionic.” The cost of this contrast agent may not be covered by insurance.

Patients who are considered to be at higher risk for allergic reactions are:

1. people who have already had a moderate or severe “allergic-like” reaction which required treatment;
2. people with severe allergies or asthma; or
3. people with histories of heart attacks or irregular heart beats.

If you believe you are in one of these above categories, please notify the technologist or radiologist before the injection is given.

There may be side effects from injection of contrast agent which are not allergic reactions. Usual side effects include a hot sensation all over (like a hot flash) that last 1 – 3 minutes beyond the injection, more intense heat localized to as body part (such as groin, feet, back) which may last up to 30 – 45 seconds, nausea, and vomiting. Occasionally, a patient complains of a headache after injection of x-ray contrast agent. If you have a seizure disorder (epilepsy), there is a small chance (less than 1%) that this injection may start a seizure.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK THE X-RAY TECHNOLOGIST OR
THE ATTENDING RADIOLOGIST.**

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CONSENT: I, the undersigned, on my behalf as the patient, or in my capacity as the legal representative for the patient, or as the parent or guardian of the patient, acknowledge and confirm that the treating physician:

1. has advised me of the nature of my or the patient's medical condition; and
2. has explained to my satisfaction the reasons for having the x-ray examination performed.

I have read and understand the above explanation about the injection of contrast agent, and I have had all of my questions answered to my satisfaction. I voluntarily consent to the performance of the x-ray examination and the injection of contrast agent by Drs. Groover, Christie and Merritt, P.C., its physicians and/or technologist.

I understand that any diagnostic results from the x-ray examination will be reported by Drs. Groover, Christie and Merritt, P.C. to the treating physician, who will report the results to me.

Patient's Name (Please Print)

Patient's Signature

Date

OR

Name of Person Signing for Patient
(Please Print)

Relationship to Patient
(Please Print)

Date

Signature of Person Signing for Patient

Telephone Number

Name of Witness (Please Print)

Signature of Witness