

# Looking out for a reaction after your procedure in the Radiology Department

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Information for Patients

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Patient name: .....

Examination / procedure: .....

Date / time of appointment: ..... / .....

## You had the following drugs during your scan or procedure:

Drug (approved name)	How much (dose)	How it was given

## Advice after having an injection of X-ray dye

If you have had an injection of X-ray dye (contrast liquid), you should drink more fluids for the rest of the day (unless you are on restricted fluids). This will help you flush the X-ray dye out of your body.

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or call 111 for non-emergency medical advice**

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## Looking out for a reaction to medication/ drugs given during your procedure

Taking or being given any medication, X-ray dye (contrast liquid) or steroid may sometimes cause a reaction. It is unlikely that you will have a reaction after having a drug during your procedure in the Radiology Department. If you do have a reaction, it will usually happen almost immediately.

### Mild reactions include:

- mild skin rash
- itching
- reddening of the skin (flushing)
- red skin blotches
- feeling sick or being sick
- headache

### Moderate reactions include:

- severe skin rash or itching
- wheezing or mild asthma
- short of breath or coughing
- high or low blood pressure
- feeling or being sick for more than a few minutes
- feeling faint

### Severe reactions include:

- symptoms getting worse
- breathing difficulty
- swelling of lips
- swelling of tongue
- swelling of throat
- swelling of eyes
- collapse

**Please tell the staff doing your scan or in the waiting area if you feel any signs of a reaction.** If you have a reaction you will be assessed and treated by a medical team.

## What if I feel unwell after I leave the hospital?

It is rare to have a delayed reaction to the injection after leaving the hospital. Delayed reactions to X-ray dye can happen a few hours or days after the injection but are usually mild.

- **If you have a mild or moderate reaction** call the NHS helpline on 111 or your GP surgery for advice. Tell them the details of the drugs you have had which are written on the front of this leaflet.
- **If you have a severe reaction** call 999 or go to your nearest Emergency Department if you can. In Leicester, the Emergency Department is at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. Take this leaflet with you so they can see the drugs you have had on the front page.

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