

MRI Examination with Gadolinium Contrast

Your physician has ordered a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) study using a contrast agent, Magnevist (gadopentetate dimeglumine). This agent acts by enhancing the contrast between a lesion in the brain or spine and the surrounding tissues. In the spine it can help in separating a recurrent disc herniation from postoperative scarring. The contrast is given into a vein. Up to 20 mL (4 teaspoons) will be given, followed by 5 mL of sterile saline. A series of MR scans will be performed before and after the injection.

This contrast agent has been used millions of times throughout the world with very few side effects. Occasionally, patients notice a mild headache or nausea, but this has been reported in less than 1 in 20 patients. There are some groups of patients who should not receive the contrast agent, including pregnant or breast-feeding women, sickle-cell disease patients, or patients with other diseases affecting red blood cells, and patients with severe renal disease. Please inform the technologist if you have any of these conditions. There have been only a few questionable serious reactions.

If you are an asthma or emphysema sufferer, please inform the technologist.

I have read the above statement and wish to proceed at this time.

Patient Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

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