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CT CONTRAST GUIDE

CT EXAM	HISTORY	Without Contrast	With Contrast	With & Without Contrast
CT Brain	ONLY Hx of Cancer or HIV should be performed with and without contrast			X
CT Brain	All other indications	X		
CT Soft Tissue Neck	All indications		X	
CT Chest / Thorax	Pulmonary Nodule, or Follow up of a nodule	X		
CT Chest / Thorax	Mediastinal or Hilar Adenopathy, Lymphadenopathy		X	
CT Abdomen	Cancer, Elevated LFT's, Hepatitis, Initial Evaluation of Pancreatitis, Pancreatic Mass, Renal Mass, Cirrhosis or Hemangioma			X
CT Abdomen	For Follow up of Pancreatitis, and all other indications		X	
CT Abdomen & Pelvis	Appendicitis, Right Lower Quadrant Pain, Left Lower Quadrant Pain, Diverticulitis		X	
CT Abdomen & Pelvis	Kidney Stone	X		

When ordering a contrast exam, please provide the CREATININE levels on the following patients and conditions:

1. Renal Disease (*including Solitary Kidney, Renal Transplant, Renal Tumor*)
2. Diabetes*
3. Paraproteinemia Syndromes or Diseases (*e.g., Myeloma*)
4. Collagen vascular disease (*e.g., Lupus*)
5. Certain medications:
Metformin or metformin-containing drug combinations.
Regular use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
Regular use of nephrotoxic anti-biotics, such as aminoglycosides
6. Over the age of 65

*We recommend that all Diabetic patients who take Metformin, Glucophage or Glucovance discontinue their medication the day of their contrast CT Exam and for 48 hours after receiving a contrast CT Exam.