

Contrast Material Premedication Protocol

Policy

Radiology personnel will follow the below guidelines for known or questionable contrast reactions set forth by MRHC Staff Radiologist according to ACR guidelines version 7 2010.

Protocol

Routine studies: Require a 13 hour premedication, as follows:

- Prednisone 50mg po @ 13 hour before contrast
- Prednisone 50mg po @ 7 hour before contrast
- Prednisone 50mg po @ 1 hour before contrast
- Benadryl 50mg po @ 1 hour before contrast

Emergency Studies: Require IV premedication, as follows:

- Solumedrol 40mg IV every 4 hours until contrast given
- Benadryl 50mg IV 1 hour prior to contrast

Critical Studies

Physician discretion and judgement are paramount and should be applied to individual patient circumstances.