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Fluoroscopy-Guidance Gadolinium (Gad) Injection (MRI Contrast) for MRI Procedure

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What is a Fluoroscopy Guidance Gadolinium (Gad) Injection for MRI Procedure?

Your physician has ordered an MRI that involves an injection done under fluoroscopy. It usually involves the shoulder, wrist or hip. Sometimes, it can also be the knee, elbow or ankle areas. The length of this portion of your exam is approximately 30 minutes.

Preparation:

Inform your physician if you are taking blood thinners, or are allergic to contrast. Females: inform your physician if there is a chance of pregnancy.

Patients who are claustrophobic may require oral sedation prior to the MRI scan. Please contact your physician and discuss the use of medication that can be taken for this exam. **DO NOT TAKE THE ORAL SEDATION MEDICATION PRIOR TO ARRIVING.** The patient will need to arrive 15 minutes prior to their appointment to sign the consent form and then they may take the oral sedation medication. If the patient takes the oral sedation medication prior to signing the consent form the exam will not be performed. Be aware that you must have someone to drive you to and from the hospital if you are medicated.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT: A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Procedure:

The technologist and radiologist will explain the exam to you and will obtain signed consent. The radiologist or radiology assistant will sterilize an area, inject some local anesthetic and then place a long needle into the joint. They will inject some contrast to verify their needle placement and then proceed to inject the MRI contrast. We will clean the affected area and walk you to MRI to have your scan done.

Parking/Registration:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Ave. SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to "Radiology (X-Ray)," also located on **Ground (G)** level.

Procedure Results:

Please allow 2 business days from your exam for your physician to review your

Radiology results.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

Procedure time: _____