

Your doctor has requested an examination that requires the injection of intravascular contrast media. This contrast media is used in many diagnostic medical imaging examinations and enables the radiologist to better see specific areas of your body.

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Metformin is an oral anti hyperglycaemic agent used to treat patients with non-insulin dependent diabetes. In extremely rare cases an association has been found in patients treated with this agent who receive intravenous contrast and the development of acute altered renal function and lactic acidosis.

The Metformin group of drugs include Metformin, Diabex, Glucohexol, Glucomet, Glucophage, Diaformin and Novomet as well as some generic medications. If you are unsure please check with your doctor.

**Please bring any relevant films with you to your appointment.**

## Preparation

If you are a diabetic currently taking Metformin, you must let us know at the time you book your appointment.

The nursing staff will obtain from your doctor your most recent kidney function results. A nurse will discuss your appointment with you 5-7 days prior to your examination.

## When you come for the test

Your Metformin medication must not be taken on the day of your examination.

You will be required to have a kidney function test the day after your x-ray examination. You will receive a pathology request form from the x-ray staff after your examination. Check with your doctor after your blood test and your doctor will inform you when to recommence your medication.

Canberra Imaging Group strongly advise that you return to your referring doctor in order for your doctor to discuss your radiology report with you.