

PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS
METFORMIN POST IV RADIOPAQUE
CONTRAST MEDIA (RCM)

Weight _____(kg)

Allergies _____

To complete the order form, fill in the required blanks and/or check the appropriate boxes.
To delete orders, draw one line through the item and initial.

See explanatory information on back of order sheet

Hold metformin

Push oral fluids unless patient is fluid restricted

Serum creatinine at 48 hours on _____ (date)

MRP to reassess metformin when 48 hour creatinine result available

REFERENCE ONLY

Date: _____ Time: _____

MD SIGNATURE



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As part of your patient's diagnostic test, they have received IV contrast media. There is a small chance that this may cause some worsening of your patient's renal function. In order to prevent this change in renal function, it is important that the patient increase their fluid intake for the next 24 hours (unless they are fluid restricted).

If deterioration in renal function occurs, the medication metformin could build up to unsafe levels and cause lactic acidosis. Metformin should be held for 48 hours and the serum creatinine repeated at that time. If the serum creatinine has not increased greater than 10% over the baseline creatinine, then metformin may be restarted.

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