

Guidelines to order an exam With Contrast

CT WITH CONTRAST

A prescription is required to obtain Barium

BUN and Creatinine labs are required in advance if patient is getting an injection and fits any of the below criteria:

- **Patient is 65 years or older**
- Patient is a diabetic
- Patient has any type of renal disease (including solitary kidney, renal transplant, renal tumor)

Patient must be pre-medicated if patient is getting injected and fits any of the below criteria:

- Patient is asthmatic
- Patient is allergic to iodine
- Patient's labs are too high and the Radiologist may require Mucomyst

Script and labs must be IN the day BEFORE patient's exam due to prescription directions. Labs can't be more than 30 days old.

NUCLEAR MED

Labs are required in advance if:

- Patient is having a hepatobiliary scan
- If the bilirubin is high, then that will determine the dose to be ordered

A prescription is needed in advance for all nuclear studies:

- Without the prescription the proper isotope can't be ordered for the patient
- All nuclear tests are done with radioisotopes specifically correlated to the test requested

It is important that the patient understands the prescription and provides us with this information when calling to schedule the exam.

All doses are ordered by 4 p.m. the day before the exam. Labs can't be more than 30 days old.

MRI

BUN and Creatinine labs are required in advance if patient is getting an injection and fits any of the below criteria:

- **Patient is 60 years or older**
- Patient has any type of renal disease (including solitary kidney, renal transplant, renal tumor)
- Patient has any history of hypertension (high blood pressure) on medication
- Diabetes treated with prescription medication

Due to the lab results, our Radiologists may request to speak with the referring physician to discuss the proper amount of contrast.

Labs can't be more than 45 days old

DPI of Ft. Lauderdale

1799 W Oakland Park Blvd, Suite 105
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311
(954) 777-3466
(954) 777-3510 fax

DPI of North Broward

6808 N State Rd 7
Coconut Creek, FL 33073
(954) 570-5560
(954) 571-5240 fax

DPI of Plantation

7301 NW 4th St, Suite 107
Plantation, FL 33317
(954) 449-7023
(954) 449-7027 fax

DPI of Pembroke Pines

10950 Pines Blvd
Pembroke Pines, FL 33026
(954) 430-2044
(954) 430-2055 fax