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Omnipaque 300 (Iohexol) aftercare

What is Omnipaque® (Iohexol)?

Omnipaque® is a 'contrast agent' (X-ray dye) which is used to enhance or 'highlight' organs and blood vessels within the body.

As you have been given an injection of Omnipaque® iodinated contrast, it is important that you keep yourself properly hydrated over the next 72 hours. Please drink plenty of fluids, preferably water.

The contrast media can interfere with lab tests for bilirubin, proteins or inorganic substances, such as iron, copper, calcium and phosphate. These substances should not be assessed on the day of examination.

Are there any side effects caused by the injection?

Immediately after the injection some people may experience:

Common

- The medicine can make you feel warm all over.

These effects should disappear immediately after the injection.

Rare

- A change in taste.
- Hives or a rash.
- Vomiting or nausea.

Very rare

- Anaphylaxis, including breathing difficulties.

If these occur within your time in the Diagnostic Imaging department, the staff will care for you and explain the treatment required.

Side effects may occur up to several days after the injection (although this is very rare).

Get emergency medical help if you have any of the following signs of a severe allergic reaction:

- Difficulty breathing
- Pain in the chest
- Skin rash
- Lumps, itchy spots, or blisters on the skin or in the mouth
- Swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat.



How will I get my results?

The doctor who requested the examination may have already told you how you will get your results, or have given you an appointment so that you may get them.

Do not worry if the appointment is several weeks away. Your doctor will contact you if you need to be seen before then.

For patients referred by a hospital consultant:

If you do not know how to get your results and have not heard anything after three weeks, please contact your consultant's secretary, via the hospital switchboard on **01473 712233**, who will tell you how to get your results.

For patients referred by their GP:

The results will be available at the GP's surgery within five working days. Contact your surgery to check that the results are available and check whether you need an appointment to see your GP.

If you have any further questions, please contact us Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm on **01473 703386 (CT Scan Department)** or **01473 703389 (Fluoroscopy Department)**.