

Protocol for Patients Receiving Pre-medication for Iodinated IV contrast

If a patient is allergic to iodinated contrast material, the patient should be pre-medicated. Please refer to the following instructions.

Prednisone 50 mg tablets - by prescription

- Take **one (1)** Prednisone 50mg tablet **13 hours** before exam time
- Take **one (1)** Prednisone 50mg tablet **7 hours** before exam time
- Take **one (1)** Prednisone 50mg tablet **1 hour** before exam time

Benadryl 25 mg tablets - over the counter

- Take **two (2)** Benadryl 25mg tablets **1 hour** before exam time

If patient does not have someone to drive them to and from appointment, instead of the Benadryl 25mg tablets instructions above, the patient will follow the Allegra 24 180mg tablet instructions below in addition to Prednisone instructions:

Allegra 24 180mg tablet-over the counter

- Take **one (1)** Allegra 24 180mg tablet **1 hour** before exam time.

***Patient must bring the Prednisone and Benadryl or Allegra bottles and/or packaging to their scheduled appointment.**

***If patient takes Benadryl, they must also bring a driver with them to their scheduled appointment to drive them home.**

If you have any questions regarding this protocol, please call our CT department at 863-688-2334 extension 214.

Thank you,
Radiology and Imaging Specialists