



ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Experience Health Caring

EXAM: Rad Arthrogram

INDICATIONS:	Most of the time these are for pain management, but if you have questions regarding the reason you should check with your doctor.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	<p>Please let your physician and imaging staff know if you have any allergies especially to contrast or bee stings. Iodine, lidocaine or some medication allergies can be a contraindication. The table weight limit is 330 lbs – anything over, call QC.</p> <p>Yes or No: Severe allergy to bee stings, iodine or contrast. If YES to severe allergy did it require medical treatment? i.e. anaphylaxis. If so, recommendation is premedication per protocol. NOTE: Patient must have a driver to take to and from hospital if premedicated.</p> <p>Yes or No: History of asthma. If YES what medications are they taking?</p> <p>Yes or No: Since time of blood work being drawn have you had any other studies performed with contrast agent (IVP, MRI, CT, heart cath). If YES what type of exam and where?</p>
WHERE DO I GO? HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right.
PREPARATION:	Eat and drink as usual. If you have been given a doctors order (prescription) for the exam, you must have it with you at the time of the exam. Bring a list of medication in with you. Patient should avoid taking anti-inflammatory medication 24-48 hours prior to procedure (ex: Advil, Motrin, ibuprofen, Aleve, naproxyn, etc), aspirin, plavix, coumadin, or any other blood thinners should be stopped prior to exam. Please be sure to discuss discontinuation or prescribed medications with your physician, they will tell you how many days prior to the procedure to discontinue you medications. Do not discontinue without consultation with your physician first.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	The procedure itself will take approximately 30 minutes. Allow some time for registration and other paperwork. A needle is placed into the joint of interest after the area is numbed for patient comfort. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.