



ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Experience Health Caring EXAM: Myelogram

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam is will help t o see the outline of the spinal cavity.
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>
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	The patient will need to be here 1 hour prior to the exam and may need to be here up to 6 hours after the procedure for observation. 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:	Nothing to eat or drink 2 hours prior to the exam. Patient will need to be here 30-60 minutes prior to the exam. 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 medications 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.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Be sure to bring your days medications with you due to the possible length of your stay at the hospital.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	The patient will most likely need to have blood work prior to the exam. There will be a needle introduced into the spine area after the patient’s skin is numbed for comfort. There will be a contrast agent injected into the spine for x-ray imaging. Patient will be instructed to lay flat for a period of time to try to avoid a spinal headache. 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.