

VALLEY DIAGNOSTIC  
IMAGING SERVICES

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Olympic Building

CONSENT FORM FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING USING GADOLINIUM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Scan \_\_\_\_\_

Your test today is going to include an intravenous injection of the contrast agent gadolinium (gadopentate dimeglumine). This agent is a sterile, clear, colorless solution that will help enhance or "light up" certain normal and abnormal structures in the body. It not only makes the identification of abnormalities more accurate, but may also provide additional information that might otherwise have gone undetected.

The use of gadolinium has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. It is felt to be a safe contrast agent. On rare occasions, allergic-type reactions (usually minor, such as hives and itching) have occurred. A few more serious reactions (for example: drop in blood pressure or difficulty breathing) have also been reported. There are theoretical concerns about its use in patients with sickle cell disease (but not sickle cell trait), and those with severely impaired kidney function. Inform the technologist if you have been diagnosed as having one of these disorders.

The safety of its use in children less than two years of age, pregnant women, and nursing mothers has not yet been determined.

Our staff is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the use of gadolinium.

HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS INFORMATION, I HEREBY FREELY GIVE MY CONSENT FOR THE MRI EXAMINATION USING GADOLINIUM.

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Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian

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Signature of Witness