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## Intravenous Contrast – Minor Reaction Going Home Instructions

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You were given a contrast dye for your exam today. In a few patients, a small amount of dye may collect under the skin at the point where the needle went in. If this happens, you may feel a lump, some pain and see some redness. This will go away in a short time.

**If you are uncomfortable, try the following within an hour after the exam.**

- Put a warm, moist pad on the area for 15 to 20 minutes.
- If the pain continues, take Tylenol. Take only the amount directed on the label.

Today, you had a reaction to the dye.

Your reaction was \_\_\_\_\_.

We gave you medication to treat this reaction. We also asked you to stay while we made sure you did not have a more serious reaction. We are discharging you because we do not believe you will need any more treatment.

In some rare cases, reactions show up later. If this happens, take a medication such as Benadryl. You can buy it at a drug store. Check the label to be sure how much and how often you should take it. This medication is for minor reactions such as itching or a rash.

**If the medication does not help, if you feel very sick or if you have trouble breathing, go to the emergency room or call 911.**

**Always remember you are allergic to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**You should not be given a shot of this dye again without first taking a special medication to prevent your reaction.**

If you have any questions, call St. Vincent Charity Hospital's Radiology Department at 216.363.2592

I have read the information above or it was read to me. I am able to explain what I need to do.

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Patient or Family Member (sign here)

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Nurse/Technologist/Physician

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_

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