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Arthrography



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Name: First name: Date of birth:

Dear patient

Your physician has referred you for a joint examination. To increase the validity of the examination, it will be necessary to inject your joint with a contrast medium prior to the procedure.

The examination procedure

The injection with the contrast medium takes place before the actual MR or CT examination by the radiologist. Although this involves only a small jab, we have to work under sterile conditions. The joint region is disinfected and covered with a sterile cloth. With local anaesthesia, the area is desensitised. Under x-ray control, the needle is placed in the joint, where the contrast medium is injected. Afterwards, the actual MR or CT examination takes place.

Possible side effects

The contrast medium may cause a feeling of pressure in the joint, which will subside after a short while. Possibly occurring pain in the joint should only last briefly. Injuries or inflammation of surrounding structures is very rare and treatable complications.

After the examination

We recommend to not excessively strain the concerned joint on the day of the examination. We will cover the injection point with a plaster, which should be removed at the earliest 24 hours after the procedure.

If the contrast medium injection is conducted in a leg joint, you should avoid driving a car for the rest of the day.

We may ask you to answer the following questions.

Do you suffer from allergies? (Contrast medium, local anaesthesia) Which ones?	yes	no
Do you take blood-thinning medication?	yes	no

Our personnel is available with help and advice, should you have questions or feel unsure about anything.

I confirm hereby that I took note of the information, and that I have answered the above questions truthfully. With my signature, I consent to the examination.

Date:	Signature of the patient:
	(or the person in charge)

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