

Radiology Imaging Associates Hospital Fluoroscopy Protocols

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Procedure: CT Arthrogram

- I. Equipment (May vary between sites) (mL's based on hip arthrogram adjust appropriately according to anatomy)
  - a. Contrast Isovue 300/ Omnipaque 240
  - b. 1% lidocaine (10ml's)
  - c. **Preservative free** sterile saline (10ml's)
  - d. Sterile tray
    - i. Sterile Mayo Stand Cover
    - ii. Syringes (20mL), (10mL), (2(5mL)),
    - iii. Needles (25G and 18G )1.5", (22G 3.5")
    - iv. Chlora Prep
    - v. Drapes- Tower drape x 2, Patient drape with hole
    - vi. 4x4 gauze
    - vii. Extension tubing
  - e. Sharpie and hemostat
  - f. 2" tape to move any excess tissue/ Panniculus
  - g. Band-Aid
  - h. Mask

## II. Personnel

- a. Radiologist/RA
  - i. Verifies order
  - ii. Obtains patient consent (ask about dental visits, infection, antibiotics)
  - iii. Performs exam and evaluates patient's pain level following injection
- b. Hospital Technologist
  - i. Prints order and relevant notes for radiologist/RA review
  - ii. Documents patient history and pregnancy status prior to exam
  - iii. Performs time out
  - iv. Assists the radiologist or fluoroscopy technologist during procedure
  - v. Patient care during injection
  - vi. Provides patient with aftercare instructions and escorts patient to CT

## III. Procedure

- a. Physician extenders must review all **INPATIENT** arthrogram requests with an MSK radiologist
  - i. Please review any pertinent prior imaging
  - ii. Use the call center to connect with an available MSK rad (720-493-3777)
- b. Consent
- c. Time out
- d. Identify and mark the injection site using fluoroscopy (Mask)
- e. Prepare the injection site using aseptic technique
- f. Local anesthetic
- g. Needle placement (do not aspirate)
  - If purulent fluid spontaneously flows back from the needle hub, aspirate, and consult an MSK radiologist
- h. Inject 1-2mL's Isovue/Omnipaque to confirm intraarticular needle placement (SAVE IMAGE)
- i. Inject contrast/saline (50:50) (1-2mL's of saline may be substituted with 1% lidocaine)
- i. If anesthetic is administered with contrast, obtain pre and post-injection pain scores.
- k. Reserve drafted dictation for the consulted MSK radiologist

## IV. Required Images

a. Save image with contrast

## V. Special Considerations

- a. Follow contrast allergy protocol
- b. Contraindications- Dental visit 3 days prior to injection, feeling ill or having a known infection, currently antibiotics (see Joint Injection/ Arthrogram Technologist Pre-Call Questions)

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