



CT: Metformin (eGFR < 60 mL/min) Patient Information

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Today, you have had a radiological procedure that included the intravascular injection of a contrast material (sometimes referred to as “X-ray dye”). Although rare, a serious complication known as “lactic acidosis” has been reported in some patients following the administration of contrast material who take metformin (glucophage) and subsequently develop acute renal failure.

It is important that you stop taking your metformin (glucophage) today (Day 1), tomorrow (Day 2) and the next day (Day 3) as a precautionary measure. Your physician has been made aware of this and it is important that you contact them and arrange for a reassessment of your renal function prior to restarting your metformin (glucophage). A simple blood test is required and should be scheduled within 48 hours of your procedure.

If you feel unwell at all, please see your doctor. Take all other medications as you normally would.

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