


Name of Policy: <u>Emergency Response for Contrast Reaction</u> Policy Number: 3364-135-161 Department: Radiology Approving Officer: Chief Operating Officer - UTMC Responsible Agent: Chairman & Professor, Radiology Scope: Radiology	 Effective Date: 6/16/2021 Initial Effective Date: 6/16/2021
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(A) Policy Statement

The Department of Radiology shall have a plan to expeditiously respond to a patient emergency relating to Contrast.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide timely and appropriate management of acute reactions to iodinated contrast media.

(C) Procedure

1. As appropriate for intravenous use of iodinated contrast, preliminary considerations for the Radiologist or licensed independent practitioner will include:
 - Assessment of patient risk versus potential benefit of contrast assisted examination.
 - Imaging alternatives that would provide the same or better diagnostic information
 - Assurance of a valid clinical indication for each contrast medium administration.
2. The technologist will assess the patient’s condition and obtain the assistance required by initiating response for contrast reactions.
3. A physician is always available for immediate response when contrast administration is performed. The Radiologist ultimately governs all contrast administration and may delegate (assign) other licensed independent practitioners oversight of the administration process and procedures. (i.e. emergency room Physicians)
4. The technologist may also activate the Rapid Response Team as outlined in Radiology Policy # 334-100-45-05

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