

Patient Handout: Care of Suspected Extravasation of CT Contrast Media

You will receive a telephone call from a Registered Nurse in 1-2 days to assess for any changes to the injection site where you received the contrast media for your CT scan.

At Home

- Elevate affected extremity above the level of the heart whenever possible
- Alternate warm and cold compress to the injection site for 15 minutes as needed for comfort
- After showering or bathing, gently pat with your towel to dry the site

When to Seek Medical Attention

Call the PROVINCIAL NURSE LINE 1-833-818-ONCO (6626) if you have any of the following:

- Increase in pain or redness to the injection site.
- Development of numbness to the affected extremity
- Decreased range of motion to the extremity
- Blistering of the skin