

Lab Requirements for IV Contrast Exams

Exams	Patient Indications	CREATININE W/IN 3 MONTHS	CREATININE W/IN 6 MONTHS	COAG PANEL W/IN 30 DAYS	STAT COAG PANEL	DISCONTINUE COUMADIN	NO LABS
MRI with IV Contrast	Age 70 and over	✓					
	History of kidney/renal disease (any age)	✓					
	Dialysis patient*	✓					
CT with IV Contrast	Age 70 and over	✓					
	History of kidney/renal disease	✓					
	Dialysis patient*	✓					
	Diabetic patient	✓					
CT Guided Biopsy	Standard			✓			
	Patient on Coumadin				✓	✓	
Lines (picc, ports) for replacement, changes, or removals	Standard						✓
	Patient on Coumadin				✓	✓	
Tubes (G tubes, J tubes) for replacement, changes, or removals	Standard			✓			
	Patient on Coumadin				✓	✓	

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*Dialysis appointment must be scheduled within 24 hours after the examination.

Lab Requirements and Special Instructions

Current Pre Medication Prescription:

- Prednisone 40mg by mouth taken 12 hours before exam and 2 hours prior to exam. IHS recommends that the referring physician order the prednisone for the patient.

Coag Panel:

- PT, PTT, INR
- STAT COAG PANEL must be drawn the day prior to scheduled procedure, with results received to IHS no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the exam.

Coumadin:

- Patient must discontinue Coumadin 5 days prior to any biopsy. Anti-coagulant medications cannot be discontinued without notification of prescribing physician.

MISSING LABS may result in the rescheduling of the patient exam or changed to a non-contrast exam.