



PRATT HEALTHCARE

**MRI CONTRAST CONSENT FORM
GADOLINIUM BASED CONTRAST AGENTS**

Your doctor has ordered an MRI exam with contrast. The contrast part will be an injection of a Gadolinium based contrast agent. There are several kinds, and the technologist will go over the exact kind that you will be given.

In December of 2017 the FDA placed a black box warning on the MRI contrast agents. This means that there is a new warning involved with this medication. The FDA are asking imaging facilities to explain this to the patients and also to give each patient a Medication Information sheet that has been provided by the contrast pharmaceutical companies. This will be specific to the brand name contrast that will be given. The technologist will give each patient a copy of this sheet and time to read over it. The technologist will answer any questions that he/she are able to. The medication sheet will inform each patient of the reason for the black box warning. In recent years there have been cases where a small amount of gadolinium (in the contrast agent) has been retained in the body. Certain areas of the brain, long bones, skin, and other body parts have retained the gadolinium following the injection from an MRI. There are some MRI's that require the contrast injection in order to see a certain type of anatomy or abnormality. And at times the contrast is required to determine types of pathology. Therefore a risk/benefit determination is made.

The use of gadolinium contrast is optional. However, your physician believes the potential diagnostic benefits for you exceed the small risks. By signing below you understand the statements above and agree to receive gadolinium contrast for your exam.

Sign _____ Date _____

Technologist _____