

# Intravenous Contrast Media for CT Scans

Today you received intravenous (IV) contrast dye to help the radiologist see your blood vessels and internal organs.

The contrast dye we use is usually very safe. Some patients with underlying kidney problems may experience temporary worsening of kidney function after receiving this contrast dye.

Blood tests ordered by your primary care provider show you have some pre-existing reduction of kidney function. We recommend you have blood tests of kidney function repeated to be sure your kidney function is not affected by the contrast dye you received today.

Please have your kidney function blood tests repeated two or three days from now at Bluewater Health. Register in Patient Registration before going to the Lab.

Present this letter to the Bluewater Health Laboratory staff so the appropriate blood work (Cr, eGFR) will be performed. If there has been a change, you will be contacted to let you know if you need to have a second kidney function test seven days from now.

It is also important to drink extra fluids (one to two litres) over the next 24 hours. This will help protect your kidneys.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Referring primary care provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Note to Private Laboratories: In order to provide continuity of patient care, please refer the patient to the Bluewater Health Laboratory for this test. Thank you.