Informed Consent for Gadolinium Contrast Injection

As a part of your MRI procedure, we may need to inject you with a contrast solution containing gadolinium. This clear, colorless liquid is removed from your body by your kidneys and will not alter the appearance of your urine. It will show up on images to provide important diagnostic information.

During the injection, it is common to feel a cool sensation near the injection site or experience a slight metallic taste. These stop almost immediately after the injection is completed. Rarely, a more serious reaction can occur that could affect your breathing or lower your blood pressure. Your personal physician is aware of the risk of complications, but feels that the diagnostic information to be obtained outweighs the small risk of the injection.

We take every precaution to obtain a good examination with maximum safety. There is some risk in not having the examination that your doctor has requested. If this exam is not done with this injection, your doctor may not be able to as accurately diagnose your condition.

I, ____________________________________________ have read and understand the above and give consent to have a gadolinium injection. I understand that despite every skill and prudent effort made to avoid complications during the examination, there is no guarantee a complication will not occur.

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Signature of Patient/ Parent/ Guardian             Date

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Signature of a Witness