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PROTOCOL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL CONTRAST MEDIA FOR ABDOMEN AND PELVIS CT EXAM

Purpose: To ensure adequate opacification of the gastrointestinal tract necessary for accurate interpretation of a CT of the Abdomen and Pelvis by the radiologist.

Policy: 1. The need for oral contrast will be determined by the radiologist's protocol of the procedure.

2. The dosing requirements for Abdomen only

Readi-Cat 2

1 st dose	Drink entire 1 st bottle	1 hour prior
2 nd dose	Drink ¾ of 2 nd bottle	30 minutes prior
3 rd dose	Drink ¼ of 2 nd bottle	Table dose *

*Table dose should be given after IV needs are met.

VoLumen

1 st bottle	10 minutes prior
2 nd bottle	0 minutes prior
1 cup water	Table dose

Patient should finish 2 bottles in 20 minutes, scan at 30 minutes with one cup of water administered on the table.

Gastrografin

1 st dose	30 minutes prior
2 nd dose	Table dose*

*Table dose should be given after IV needs are met.

3. The dosing requirements for Abdomen/Pelvis


Readi-Cat 2

1 st dose	Drink 1st bottle	2 hours prior
2 nd dose	Drink 2nd bottle	30 minutes prior
3 rd dose	Drink 3 rd bottle	Table dose *

*Table dose should be given after IV needs are met.

VoLumen

1 st bottle	30 minutes prior
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2nd bottle 15 minutes prior

3rd bottle 0 minutes prior

Patient should finish 3 bottles in 45 minutes, scan before 60 minutes with one cup of water administered on the table.

Gastrografin

1st dose 30-45 minutes prior

2nd dose Table dose*

*Table dose should be given after IV needs are met.