

Contrast Infiltration

Home Instructions



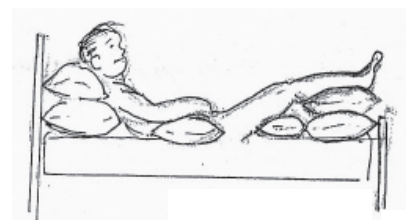
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Sometimes fluid from your IV leaks under your skin. This is called infiltration.

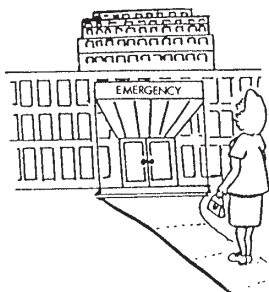
- You had _____ today, _____.
(Name of Exam) (Date)
- An IV was started in your right/left _____.
(Extremity/Area)
- Contrast (X-ray) dye was put into your IV. Your IV leaked under your skin.
- This is why your _____ looks swollen and puffy. This should go away.
(Extremity/Area)
- Your _____ may be uncomfortable for 5 to 7 days.
(Extremity/Area)

What to do at home

- For the next 2 days put towels soaked in warm water and then wrung out, over the swollen area 4 times a day for 10 minutes each time.
- Raise your swollen _____ above your chest by propping your arm or leg up on at least 3-4 pillows.



Go to the Emergency Room if:



- The skin around the place where the needle was put in becomes **darker and peels**.
- Your arm or leg becomes **red**.
- You have **red streaks** on your arm or leg.
- **Pus** coming out from the place where the needle was put in.
- **Fever** of 101° Fahrenheit (38° Centigrade).

If you go to the Emergency Room tell the nurse that you had a contrast infiltration. Take this paper with you to show the nurse.