

Instructions for diabetic patients taking METFORMIN

Information for patients

You have had a CT scan, which involves the use of an intravenous injection of a contrast agent. There are certain precautions that should be taken because your kidney function is not normal. This is to protect you from any risk of interaction between the Metformin tablets and the contrast agent and the effects that may have on your kidneys.

1. You should not take your Metformin tablets for **48 hours** following your injection of contrast agent.
2. Stopping your Metformin is unlikely to make a significant difference to the control of your diabetes. Try to be extra careful with your diet on the days when you have stopped the Metformin.
3. If you have any problems please contact your Doctor or nurse who normally treats you for your diabetes and take this leaflet with you.





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You can contact CT Services on:

Direct line: **0113 733 4974**

Please call Monday-Friday between 9am-5pm.

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