

Patient Education

Contrast Extravasation

How do I treat my extravasation site at home?

1. Apply ice to affected area for 20 minutes every hour for next 24 hours, while you are awake. Wrap ice in towel. Do not put ice directly on skin.
2. After first 24 hours, apply warm compresses for comfort.
3. Elevate extremity above heart as much as you can.

When to call your doctor or the radiology department:

1. Numbness or tingling of lower arm or hand.
2. Blisters at the site.
3. Unusual coolness of lower arm or hand beyond injection site.
4. Increased pain.

Swelling or redness of the IV site can last for 1 to 2 days.

Radiology Department Phone number _____

Additional information _____
