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Metformin and Tests Requiring Iodine Injected Into the Vein

There are certain tests that require IV (into the vein) iodine. An IV iodine injection may affect the way metformin works in your body. Check to see if the pill that helps you manage your diabetes contains metformin. If you take metformin, it is important to know how to prepare for a test requiring IV iodine.

Before the test

Follow your physician's orders about taking metformin. In some cases, your physician may instruct you to stop taking metformin before the test and tell you when you may start taking it again.

- Contact your physician to have a **blood creatinine** test performed. This test will show how well your kidneys are working.
- Follow your physician's advice about managing your diabetes through diet, other medications and monitoring of your blood glucose levels.
- Drink water as usual to avoid dehydration. Ask your physician if you need to drink any extra water.

After the test

Contact your physician when your test with IV iodine is completed. Based on how well your kidneys are working, your physician may want you to repeat the blood creatinine test before allowing you to start taking metformin again. **Do not take metformin or resume taking metformin until your physician tells you to do so.** Most patients may begin taking metformin 48 hours after a test requiring IV iodine.

Contact your physician if there are any changes in your diabetes control.