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Medication Instructions for Diabetic Patients

All Procedures/Tests Using Contrast Dye:

Metformin (Glucophage) is an oral hypoglycemic agent. The current ACR recommendation for contrast administration in patients receiving metformin is that the drug should be discontinued at the time of the procedure and withheld for 48 hours subsequent to the procedure, and reinstated only after renal function has been re-evaluated and found to be normal.

Stop your Metformin on the day of your procedure.

Hold all diabetic oral medications on the day of the procedure. (Ex: Avandia, Actos, Glipizide, Glyburide, Glucotrol)

Labs (BMP) should be drawn approximately 48 hours after the procedure.
Call the office for lab results before restarting Glucophage or Metformin.

Insulin Instructions:

DO NOT take Insulin the day of the procedure.

Take only ½ dose of any intermediate or long-acting Insulin the night before the procedure.

This includes all “cloudy” Insulin such as 70/30, NPH, and Lantus.

This DOES NOT include “fast-acting” Insulins such as Regular, Novolog, or Humalog.

If you have any concerns regarding blood sugar management during procedure time, contact your primary care physician or the physician who manages your diabetes.