

GATEWAY

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

MEDICATIONS TO AVOID PRE & POST MYELOGRAMS

Radiocontrast agents used in myelography have the ability to lower the seizure threshold and when used with other drugs that also have this ability, may lead to convulsions.

Drugs that possess the ability to lower seizure threshold should be discontinued at least 48 hours prior to myelography if possible and should not be resumed until at least 24 hours post-procedure. Drugs are listed below.

*****Always consult with your prescribing physician prior to stoppage of your medication.**

Phenothiazines

Acetophenazine (Tindal)
Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
Promethazine (Phenergan)
Ethopropazine (Parsidol)
Fluphenazine (Prolixin)
Mesoridazine (Serentil)
Methdilazine (Tacaryl)
Perphenazine (Trilafon)
Prochlorperazine (Compazine)
Promazine (Sparine)
Promethazine (Phenergan)
Thiethylperazine (Torecan)
Thioridazine (Mellaril)
Trifluoperazine (Stelazine)
Triflupromazine (Vesprin)
Largon
Levoprome

Antidepressants

Amitriptyline (Elavil)
Amoxapine (Asendin)
Bupropion *(Welbutrin, Zyban)
Clomipramine (Anafranil, Placil)
Desipramine (Norapramin)
Doxepin (Sinequan)
Imipramine (Tofranil)
Maprotiline (Ludiomil)
Nortriptyline (Pamelor)
Protriptyline (Vivactil)
Trimipramine (Surmontil)

MAO Inhibitors

Furazolidone (Furoxone)
Isocarboxazid (Marplan)
Pargyline (Eutonyl)
Phenelzine (Nardil)
Procarbazine (Matulane)
Tranlcypromine (Parnate)

CNS Stimulants

Amphetamines
Pemoline (Cylert)

Combination Antidepressants

Amitriptyline + Chlordiazepoxide (Limbitrol DS)
Amitriptyline + Perphenazine (Triavil)

Miscellaneous Antipsychotics

Clozapine (Clozaril)
Haloperidol (Haldol)
Loxapine (Loxitane)
Pimozide (Orap)
Thiothixene (Navane)

Skeletal Muscle Relaxant

Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)
Demoral **Dose dependent risk of seizures. (Do not exceed 450mg/day or 150 mg/dose)*

Blood Thinners

These medications require up to 2 weeks of discontinued use prior to a myelogram procedure. READ CAREFULLY

Medications have various periods of discontinued use prior to procedure.

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Warfarin	Discontinue for 7 days prior	Clopidogrel (Plavix)	Discontinue for 14 days prior
Ticlopidine (Ticlid)	Discontinue for 14 days prior	Tirofiban (Aggrastat)	Discontinue for 8 hours prior
Eptifibatide (Integrilin)	Discontinue for 8 hours prior	Abciximab (ReoPro)	Discontinue for 24-48 hours
Plavix	Discontinue for 96 hours prior	Glucophage or Glucovance	morning of study..