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BREAST FEEDING INFORMATION FORM

Your doctor has ordered an MRI exam that requires us to give you a gadolinium contrast agent for this exam. Gadolinium is a type of contrast agent that will be injected in a vein in your arm and will give the radiologist additional information when reading your images. After the gadolinium contrast agent is injected, a tiny amount will be excreted into your breast milk. A review of the medical literature suggests that this tiny amount of gadolinium in your breast milk is unlikely to be harmful to your baby. Published data and guidelines from the American College of Radiology suggest that it is safe for your baby to continue breast feeding after you receive an injection of gadolinium contrast agent. If you are concerned about any potential ill effects to your baby from gadolinium contrast, you can speak to a radiologist to help you make an informed decision about whether to continue breast-feeding or temporarily stop breast-feeding after you receive gadolinium contrast agent. If you remain concerned about any potential ill-effects, you can stop breast-feeding for 24 hours, pump both breasts and discard the collected breast milk. After 24 hours you can resume normal breast feeding. If you have any questions and would like to speak to a radiologist please ask the receptionist.