

# **Acceptable Premedication Regements** **For Radiology**

## **CONTRAST ALLERGIES:**

If patient has a contrast allergy (this includes Betadine) the patient must be premedicated with prednisone & diphenhydramine.

**PREDNISONE:** 50 mg P. O. to be taken 13 hrs, 7hrs, & 1hr prior to the schedule time of the procedure.

**DIPHENHYDRAMINE:** (BENADRYL) 50 mg P. O. to be taken 13 hrs, 7hrs, & 1hr prior to the schedule time of the procedure.

**According to the ACR this is an acceptable alternative:**

**Methylprednisolone:** 32 mg P.O. to be taken 12 hours and 2 hours prior to the scheduled time of the procedure. Along with 50 mg Benadryl P. O. to be taken at bed time the night before.

**If the study is emergent the radiologist may consider:**

Dexamethasone (Decadron) 4-8 mg IV and Benadryl 25 mg IV, wait 15 minutes and scan.

**For patients with a history of delayed contrast reaction – The radiology department will discharge patients with a prescription for a Solu-medrol pack. Patient to follow the instructions on the pack.**