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**PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS for
GLUCOPHAGE® (METFORMIN) and IODINATED CONTRAST MATERIAL**

Name: _____ DOB: _____

You are having a procedure today that may include the injection of iodinated contrast material (x-ray dye). Additionally, you have indicated that you are currently taking the medication Glucophage® (Metformin). The following is important information for you to know:

Metformin (Glucophage) is an oral antihyperglycemic agent used to treat patients with non-insulin-dependent diabetes. There is an uncommon but serious adverse effect of lactic acidosis, possibly leading to death, in patients who do not discontinue their Metformin medication following injection of contrast material.

Metformin (Glucophage) must be discontinued before or at the time of the contrast injection, and withheld for 48 hours after the injection. It should only be reinstated after you have had a blood test and the results have been reviewed and approved by your personal physician.

If you have any questions regarding this medication interruption or the management of your diabetes during this time period, please contact your personal physician.

I have read and understand these instructions.

Signature of patient: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

REFERRING PHYSICIAN: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

FAXED BY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

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