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Pre-Procedure Information **Sacroiliac Joint Injection**

Sacroiliac joints are found in the pelvic area. They are joints that can often become arthritic and are often the source of severe and debilitating pain. Typically inflammation results in these joints. With the use of fluoroscopy, which is a real-time x-ray machine, your physician is able to inject a steroid as well as a local anesthetic into these joints, which can provide significant and often long-term pain relief.

General Information

1.) All procedures are done in the Operating Room at the following locations:

- **Dr. Memmo performs his cases at:**
 - Orthopedic Associates Surgery Center**
1111 Cromwell Ave., Rocky Hill, 860-529-0295
- **Dr. Codispoti performs his cases at 2 locations:**
 - Glastonbury Surgery Center**
195 Eastern Blvd., Glastonbury, CT 06033 860-633-0003

or

- Southington Surgery Center**
81 Meriden Ave.
Southington, CT 06489 860-378-8228

2.) Call the surgery center between 2 – 3 pm the business day prior to your procedure for your arrival time. A nurse will call you 2 – 3 days prior to your procedure to ask pertinent questions relating to the procedure.

3.) Patients who feel anxious can ask your physician for a prescription for Valium prior to the procedure.

Patients who receive sedation must have a designated driver.

4.) The medications that may be used are listed here:

- ***Omnipaque**~ contrast dye that is visualized using fluoroscopy (x-ray).
- ***Lidocaine**~ numbing agent injected into the skin before the needle is inserted.
- ***Marcaine**~ short-acting numbing medication injected to reduce pain.
- ***Steroid**~a long-acting agent to reduce inflammation, and reduce pain.

5.) You may have a light breakfast and/or lunch prior to the procedure, unless otherwise directed by the nurse.

6.) A nurse will discuss with you any specific restrictions based on your procedure. Most people are able to return to work the same day. Any job restrictions can be discussed with your physician.

7.) Please bring your insurance cards and photo identification. Please arrange to have someone drive you home.

Contraindications

Patients with the following medical conditions are **NOT** to undergo this procedure and should notify your physician of these conditions:

- 1.) Pregnancy
- 2.) Bleeding disorder such as problems with clotting
- 3.) Systemic Infection
- 4.) Uncontrolled high blood pressure
- 5.) Uncontrolled Diabetes

Alerts

***Please advise your physician if you have an allergy to shellfish, contrast dye, or if you have uncontrolled high blood pressure; congestive heart failure or impaired kidney function.**

Patients taking **Metformin, Acto plus Met (Glucophage/Riomet), Avandament, Glucovance, Metaglip or Janumet** must discontinue these drug the day of the procedure. These medications can be resumed 24 hours after the procedure.

This is due to a potential contraindication with the contrast dye that is administered.

Patients taking an MAO inhibitor (**Parnate/tranylcypromine, Eldepryl, Deprenyl, Atapryl, Selegiline, Nardil {Phenelzine}, Marplan/isocarboxazid, Matulane/procarbazine**) must discontinue the medication 48 hours before the procedure and can resume the medication 24 hours after the procedure. Medical clearance (a note from the psychiatrist or prescribing physician) is recommended.

Potential Complications

Rare but potential complications that have been reported in the medical literature include the following: Infection, bleeding. It should be recognized that for all of your physician's procedures, meticulous sterile technique is utilized; procedures are performed in an operating room with state of the art equipment including fluoroscopy (x-ray). The use of contrast dye is utilized to appropriately localize the flow of medication that is injected.

Potential Side Effects

Some potential side effects you may or may not experience include: pain at the injection site, facial flushing, or feeling warm, insomnia,; stomach upset, increased energy, increased appetite, and/or abnormal menstruation.

Patients with Diabetes may experience an increase in blood sugars, and will be required to monitor their blood sugars for 7 days.