



Acetazolamide (Diamox®) CT Brain Perfusion Scan Discharge Instructions

What are the possible side effects of receiving Diamox for a CT Brain Perfusion Scan?

You received a medication called Acetazolamide (Diamox®) for your CT scan. You might have tingling in the face and extremities that can last for several hours up to 3 days, dizziness or ringing in your ears.

Follow-up care is the key part of your treatment and safety. Be sure to make and go to all appointments, and call your doctor if you are having problems.

How will I care for myself at home?

Activity

- Avoid heavy lifting and physical activity for 24 hours after your scan
- Return to normal activity 24 hours after your scan

Diet

- You can eat your normal diet. If your stomach is upset, try bland, low-fat foods like plain rice, toast and yogurt
- Drink plenty of fluids (unless your doctor tells you not to)

Medications

- You can take your normal prescription medicines as your doctor has instructed

Special Instructions

- You will get any test results from the doctor who ordered your scan
- You will receive follow up care from your doctor who ordered your scan

When should I call 911?

Call 911 anytime if you have any of the following signs and symptoms:

- shortness of breath
- chest pains
- Loss of consciousness - (if you passed out or fainted)

Call 911 anytime you think you need emergency care

When should I call the Radiology Nursing Station?

Call the Radiology Nursing Station if you have any of the following signs and symptoms:

- Sudden weakness in an arm or leg
- Sudden onset of vision changes
- Sudden sensory loss
- Sudden lack of ability to swallow
- Sudden numbness or tingling
- Dizziness or vertigo, including sensations of spinning
- Sudden change in your condition
- Redness, swelling, red streaking or pain at IV site

What is the number to call?

- Call the Radiology Nursing Station at 734-936-4515 between 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday.
- After hours and on holidays you can call the Radiology Superchief at 734-936-6267, pager 1800.

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