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**From:** Heidi Chapman on behalf of Amy Tucker  
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**Importance:** High

As you know, our supply of Omnipaque contrast for CT, GI/GU fluoroscopy and myelography is critically low and we need to conserve contrast while production returns to normal levels. We anticipate that the shortage will continue through the end of June. For this reason, we must implement revised ordering practices now to avoid complete depletion of Omnipaque contrast.

Therefore, we ask that, whenever possible, CT studies be ordered without IV contrast and that GI fluoroscopy be done with barium. Omnipaque should be conserved for trauma, urgent CTAs, and critically ill patients for whom contrasted imaging is necessary (on a case-by-case basis). A new BPA is going to be placed into Epic for contrast CT orders as a reminder to limit usage and consider alternative modalities.

Please call the radiology attending/resident for guidance on alternative imaging options if needed. Updates will be provided as the contrast shortage continues/resolves.

Best,  
Amy

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