You are scheduled for a Myelogram.

Name: __________________________
Date: __________________________
Report Time: ____________________
Procedure Time: __________________
Study: __________________________
History/Diagnosis: __________________
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ICD-10: __________________________
Physician Signature: ________________

Follow-Up

Once your studies are completed, you will be transported back to the SurgiCenter until you are discharged to your home.

Please notify your nurse if headaches occur. He or she will be glad to provide medication to relieve your discomfort.

Your physician will discuss the results of your myelogram with you at a later time.

Location: Reading Hospital SurgiCenter, D-Building

Reading Hospital is located at Sixth Avenue and Spruce Street in West Reading, PA. The lower level of the 6th Avenue Garage is reserved for SurgiCenter patients. Please use the curved entrance off Spruce Street; this roadway is marked with a SurgiCenter sign. Display the parking tag given to you.

If you misplace or forget this tag, please advise our uniformed attendant.

Our attendant will direct you to the SurgiCenter entrance to D-Building. Take the elevator to the fourth floor.

When you exit the elevator, the Reception Desk will be to your right. Please register there as soon as you arrive.

To schedule your appointment, or if you must cancel, please call 484-628-8611. If you have any questions about myelograms, please ask.
Your physician has scheduled you for a special type of diagnostic test known as a myelogram.

This brochure explains the procedure, so you will know what to expect on the day of your examination.

**About Myelograms**
A myelogram is a special type of x-ray that can detect spinal cord abnormalities, such as ruptured discs, degenerative disc disease, and tumors.

While we understand this is not the most comfortable examination, please remember it does supply your physician with valuable information about your spinal canal.

**Registration**
You will be registered, prepared for, and recover from the myelogram in the SurgiCenter. Please bring this brochure, your benefits card, and any necessary paperwork with you.

A note to inpatients: While you are hospitalized, your nurse will guide you through all preparations, and will arrange for your transportation to and from the procedure.

**Preparation**
Your physician will tell you what special steps you should follow before the examination. Please pay special attention to any instructions regarding medications, specifically blood thinning medications.

**Procedure**
You will be asked to change into the examination gown provided. Next, you will be transported to the Radiology Department where the myelogram will be performed.

You will be asked to sign a consent form because of the nature of this examination. In a Fluoroscopic Room, the technologist will help you onto the special tilt table, and will position you. The radiologist or neurosurgeon will then inject a contrast material into your spinal canal. The table will be tilted “head-up” or “head-down” to encourage the flow of contrast material throughout your spinal canal.

While this is happening, an instrument known as an image amplifier will scan the spinal column. Images from this process will be projected onto a monitor for the physician to study. Several x-rays will also be taken at this time. Depending on your position, you may be able to view the screen.

Your physician may have also ordered a CT scan after the myelogram. If so, you will be transported to the Imaging Center. If not, you will be taken back to the SurgiCenter.

If you are uncomfortable at any time, or have a question, simply tell the technologist or physician.

Please bring this brochure, your health plan ID card, photo identification, and your pre-approval or referral forms to your appointment.