

We'd like to hear from you ...our patients!. Let us know how we may serve you better !

QUESTIONS ?

We want your CT exam to be as comfortable and pleasant as possible. If you have any questions, please call the Diagnostic Center Radiology Department between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM , Monday through Friday at 850 - 969 -2134.

HOW DO I GET MY RESULTS?

A board –certified Radiologist will review your images and compare with previous images if indicated and provide an interpretation. A copy of this interpretation / report will be provided to your doctor (in most cases within 24 hours) . Your doctor should contact you with the results of your exam.

PREPARING FOR YOUR CT :

Special preparation is needed prior to your CT exam. Upon scheduling of your scan the radiology staff will review any prep necessary. There are special instructions for different types of exams. You may also be required to have lab work prior to your exam if the doctor ordered your test with intravenous contrast .



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CT SCAN

(COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY)



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CT : WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

What is Computerized Tomography ?

Computerized Tomography (CT), sometimes called a CT Scan is a sophisticated form of diagnostic imaging that uses a special type of X-ray and computer technology to produce a very clear picture (image) of the body . Each image looks like a “slice” of the body.

How does it work ? The CT scanner looks like a large box with a hole in the center. There is a table that you will lie down on, that will move you into the machine. Once in position, the machine will scan the part of your body that your doctor is checking.

The CT scanner uses X-rays to create the images. These images are displayed on a computer screen that the CT Technologist looks at during the scan. Sometimes you can have your scan wearing your cloths. Sometimes it is necessary for you to wear a hospital gown. You may be asked to remove jewelry and other metallic objects.

Will I get an injection? Frequently, people getting a CT scan will receive an injection in the arm of iodinated contrast media. This medication allows the CT scanner to make sharper images of the inside of your body, so the doctor can see more detail and to see blood vessels associated with organs .A machine called a CT injector will hang from

the ceiling next to the scanner. This allows the technologist to administer contrast media while you are being scanned.

During the exam , the technologist will be able to see and hear you at all times, and talk to you if needed.

Will I have to drink any medication?

If you are getting an abdomen or pelvic scan you will be asked to drink a liquid called “Barium”. This contrast media allows the doctor to see all of your GI Tract / large and small intestines.

How long will the Exam Take ? Your exam will take approximately 15 - 30 minutes, depending on the area of the body being examined.

What should I do after the exam ? The CT technologist will advise you on what to do after your exam .

What we need to know about you before your exam : Once your doctor has scheduled your exam , we will need to know some important information from you in order to make your exam safe and effective. Prior to your exam , we will contact you to confirm your appointment and to answer any questions that you may have. Upon arrival we will ask you a few questions , which will assist both the technologist in assuring your safety as well as the radiologist in interpreting your exam.

TIPS

1. Plan to arrive about 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.
2. Wear comfortable clothing , such as a sweatsuit , *without any metal fastenings*.
3. Please leave any unnecessary metal objects at home. Lockers will be available for your valuables if necessary.
4. Please be kind and call should you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment.

Financial Arrangements :

Please be sure to bring your medical insurance card and complete information with you to your MRI exam. We accept most major insurance as well as Medicare and Medicaid. For questions about your individual insurance policy coverage for MRI, please contact your insurance carrier directly. Your physicians office will be responsible for obtaining a pre – certification from your carrier if necessary.
