

Preparation

- ◆ See your exam preparation sheet for your appointment time and preparation.
- ◆ You may take your medication.
- ◆ Please arrive at the appropriate time.



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A Guide to your CT Scan

Patient Information

CT Scan -What is it?

A CT(Computed Tomography) scan is a diagnostic procedure that uses ionizing radiation which allows detailed visualization of the structures within the body.

Where is the CT Scan done?

CT scans are performed in the Diagnostic Imaging Department. It is important that you bring your provincial healthcare card with you.

What Do I Do After the Test?

Your daily activities will not be affected by the CT scan. You may eat normal meals after the examination. Drink plenty of fluids to help eliminate the contrast medium (dye) from your body.

How is the test done?

When you have a CT scan, you will be lying quietly on the scan table while the images are being acquired.

An injection of contrast (dye) may be used to highlight certain internal structures.

What should I tell the Technologist?

- ◆ If you have had a previous reaction to the contrast medium(dye), please tell the Technologist.
- ◆ If there is any possibility that you may be pregnant, please inform the CT Technologist.

Conclusion

We hope this information helps you better understand what a CT scan is and what is required of you.

If you have any questions, be sure to discuss them with your physician prior to the examination.

When do I get the result?

Upon completion of your examination, the results will be forwarded to your referring physician.