

Patient's Name: _____

DOB: _____

CT HEAD

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Patients:
These are the instructions for your
scheduled procedure in our
Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Scheduling

Your examination has been scheduled for:

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time so you can register. When you arrive to register, please follow the guidelines below to know where to sign in:

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Purpose

A CT scan is a study utilizing an advanced form of imaging (radiation) to acquire images or detailed pictures of the body part being studied.

Preparation

Do not eat or drink anything 4 hours prior to the exam. Please do not wear anything metal such as hairpins, earrings, etc. - the metal interferes with the imaging.

This procedure may require the injection of a contrast agent. You may have heard it referred to as "**x-ray dye**". If you are diabetic, currently breastfeeding, allergic to shellfish or iodine or have had a previous reaction to contrast agent or "x-ray dye", please inform your physician or the Diagnostic Imaging staff before your procedure by calling the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.

Procedure

You will be taken to the scan room and asked to lie on your back on a padded table. Some examinations require the injection of a contrast agent (dye). If so, an IV will be started and the contrast will be injected. You may feel a brief sensation of warmth, a metallic taste in your mouth, or nausea. These sensations usually pass quickly. The technologist will move you into the scanner at which time the table will move as it acquires images. The scan will take approximately 2-3 minutes to complete.

Results

The radiologist will review your exam and a report will be sent to your physician. Your physician will then discuss your results with you. The technologist will be unable to give you any information or interpretation about the results of your exam.

If you have questions concerning your upcoming procedure, please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.