

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT SCAN)

A CT scan utilizes xray technology and sophisticated computers to produce images of the internal structures of the body.

This procedure can only be performed by a licensed Radiologic Technologist who has received specialized training in computed axial tomography imaging.

The CT table has a weight limit of 350 pounds.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Allergy to iodine (Contrast studies only)
- Pregnancy
- Creatinin level over 1.7 (Contrast studies only)

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Patients age 40-59 scheduled for contrast study must have a creatinine level within the last year and patients over 60 within (6) months of the scheduled contrast exam to rule out any active kidney disease.

For contrast studies:

Patients must complete the CT I.V. contrast questionnaire & consent form prior to their appointment. This questionnaire is vital in determining any possible contraindications of the procedure.

EXAM RESULTS:

Patient results will be communicated by the Ordering Physician. Original reports will be sent to the Ordering Physician within two days of the patient study. EHR providers will receive reports upon finalization by the Radiologists. Non-EHR reports will be auto-faxed upon report finalization by the Radiologist. Patients will be notified by the technologist performing their study that they will be notified of their exam results by the Ordering Physician. The patient should contact the Ordering Provider if they do not receive their test results within a two week timeframe.

PATIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Patients will be presented with an Advanced Beneficiary Notice at the time of their visit indicating their financial responsibility if the study is not covered by their insurance carrier. The ABN will be maintained as part of the patient's medical record.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Eastside Imaging:

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am –5:00 pm. Contrast studies are only performed when a Radiologist is on the premises (Monday through Friday 8:00 am – noon and 1:00pm - 5:00 pm).

Northwest Imaging:

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am –5:00 pm. Contrast studies are only performed when a Radiologist is on the premises (Monday through Friday 8:00 am – noon and 1:00pm - 5:00 pm).