

## CT Scan

A CT Scan, also known as a CAT (Computerized Axial Tomography) Scan combines x-rays with computer technology to produce a detailed, cross-sectional image of your body. A CT Scan lets the radiologist see the sizes, shapes and positions of organs, tissue, blood vessels and bones.

### What to Expect

During the exam, you will lie on a padded table that moves through a donut-shaped structure, while x-rays are taken to create images. Your doctor will receive a written report approximately 48 hours later.

### How to Prepare

1. Some CT Scans require preparation, while others do not. It depends on the body part being scanned. Please call us to determine whether or not preparation is required for your particular scan.
2. You may be required to have a special blood test before your CT Scan. Please check with your doctor.
3. If you are taking the drug, Glucophage, do not take it after midnight prior to your scan. You may begin taking it again 48 hours after the completion of the scan. A blood test ordered may be ordered by your physician after the 48-hour period to determine that your renal function is normal. Glucophage may then be restarted. Contact your physician, if you have any questions.
4. If you are allergic to any contrast material, then please let the technologist know.
5. A CT Scan does use radiation to produce images. Therefore, please tell your doctor if you are pregnant before he/she orders the scan.
6. Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment and bring the requisition/order form for the test. Please bring your insurance card with you.

### Appointments

Call 216.382.2853. When you schedule your appointment, please inform the scheduler of any other test(s) you have scheduled for that day as well as any food allergies or intolerances. Also, please give the same information to the receptionist on the day of your scan.