

EXAM PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS



IMPORTANT

Please call us at 1-866-611-2665 if you need to reschedule.

BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT

• Take all prescribed medications as directed.

DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment to allow enough time to check in with reception.
- Bring photo identification and your provincial health card.
- · Wear comfortable clothes.
- Please do not bring children who require supervision.

YOUR EXAM

DURATION: 25 minutes

Computed tomography (CT) is an advanced imaging system that uses a combination of X-rays and computer technology to produce comprehensive images of specific areas of your body, including your bones, chest, head, joints, lungs, and spine. CT scans give a much more detailed picture than regular X-rays and can identify many conditions that may escape detection on other imaging tests, such as lung cancer.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING MY EXAM?

- You may be asked to change into scrubs.
- You will be asked to lie on the bed of the CT scanner, which will then be adjusted for correct placement.
- If needed, your technologist will then set up an intravenous (IV) line for the contrast solution. Please note that IV contrast is an additional cost of \$125.
- Your technologist will leave the room to begin your exam, but you will be in direct communication throughout your procedure.
- These CT scans are painless. You won't feel a thing.
- On a few occasions, you may be asked to hold your breath (for 10-15 seconds) to help obtain specific images.
- Once we have the correct number of goodquality images, your technologist will help you off the bed and guide you back to your change room. You are then free to leave.

WHEN WILL I GET MY RESULTS?

We do our best to have our radiologists interpret the information and forward the results to your doctor in a timely manner.

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