



Having an CT Scan

Information for patients

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The leaflet tells you about having a CT scan. It explains what is involved and what the possible risks are. It is not meant to replace informed discussion between you and your doctor, but can act as a starting point for such discussions.

The Imaging Department

The Imaging Department may also be called the X-ray or Radiology Department. It is the facility in the hospital where radiological examinations of patients are carried out, using a range of equipment, such as a CT (Computed Tomography) scanner, an ultrasound machine and an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scanner. Radiologists are doctors specially trained to interpret the images and carry out more complex examinations. They are supported by Radiographers who are highly trained professionals and carry out x-rays and other imaging procedures.

What is a CT scan?

CT stands for Computed Tomography which is a specialised x-ray examination which links an x-ray scanner to a computer to produce cross sectional detailed images of the body.

Am I required to make any special preparations?

No. However, please notify the Radiology Department if you have had a similar scan recently or if you are a woman who is or might be pregnant.

Do I need to remove my jewellery?

Jewellery close to the area being scanned may adversely affect the quality of the images produced during the scan. You may therefore be asked to remove your jewellery. If you are willing to do this, but this requires particular skills or assistance, please could you arrange for this jewellery to be removed prior to your appointment.

What happens during the CT scan?

You may be asked to undress and put on a gown. The staff will ask you to lie on the table and to keep very still as any movement will spoil the scan. The CT table will move you into the scanner which is shaped like a polo mint. IT IS NOT A TUNNEL.

Do I have an injection for my scan?

For some scans we need to give you a small injection of x-ray dye which outlines the blood vessels. You will be asked some questions prior to this. It will make you feel warm for a couple of minutes.

Who will I see?

You will be cared for by a Radiographer and a Radiology Assistant.

When will I get the results?

The images will be examined after your visit by a Consultant Radiologist (specialised x-ray doctor) who will send a written report on the findings to your referring doctor.

If you have any questions regarding any of the advice included in this leaflet please do not hesitate to contact the Imaging Department on 0114 263 2177



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