

Patient Instructions CT Head and/or Neck

Patient Name _____

Appointment Date/Time _____ (3rd Floor at 101 W. University Ave.)
Please arrive 15 minutes before your exam.

If you must cancel, please call 24 hours before your appointment to the Radiology department at (217) 366-1285.

It is important that you notify your physician and CT staff if you are pregnant or have had a reaction to iodine, kidney dye or IV contrast. If you are diabetic and take the drug Glucophage, Glucovance or Metformin, there are special instructions after the test with the IV contrast.

How do I prepare and what to expect from the exam?

- You will need to remove earrings, piercings, hair ornaments, hearing aids and glasses. You will be on a table with your head in a cradle. It is important to remain very still during the test. Test will last 20 minutes.
- CT Contrast – if used will require an IV to be started to give the medicine.
- After the test you may resume normal activities. If contrast was given then you should increase your oral fluid intake for the rest of the day.

LAB TESTS REQUIRED FOR CT CONTRAST:

If you are over 60 years of age you will need to have blood drawn that checks your kidney function. It must be within 6 weeks of the exam date.

If you take one of the diabetic medicines above you will need to have your blood drawn 48 hours after the exam.

After the test you may resume normal activities. If you have IV contrast, please increase your fluid intake.