

CT PREPS

CT SCAN WITH NO CONTRAST:

No preparation is required unless specifically listed below.

CT SCAN WITH CONTRAST STUDIES:

Food: Nothing but clear liquids 4 hours prior to the exam.

65 years or older: Patients 65 years or older require blood work (BUN & creatinine) no older than 30 days.

Dialysis Patients: Patients currently on dialysis require blood work (BUN & creatinine) no older than 30 days. Patients should have CT exam as soon as possible prior to dialysis so patient can have dialysis to clear contrast, later that day or the next day.

Diabetic Patients: Patients who are diabetic require blood work (BUN & creatinine) no older than 30 days. Patients taking Glucophage, Glucovance or any other medication containing metformin you must discontinue use of this medication for the day of and 48 hours after the examination

Asthma History: Patients who have any history of asthma require pre-medication. (Our radiologist will write a prescription for premedication. Our scheduler will fax or call in to patient's pharmacy. Patient must pick up from pharmacy no later than noon the day before the scan.)

Allergies: Patients with allergies to shellfish, seafood or iodine may require pre-medication. If the patient has itchiness/hives/rash pre-medicate the patient. If the patient has shortness of breath/closing of throat we cannot perform exam with contrast.

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CT SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CT with a Diagnosis of AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) - DO NOT take barium

CT Renal Exams

- CT with diagnosis of renal stones - **DO NOT** take barium.
- CT with diagnosis of renal carcinoma - **DO** take barium. (Patient will take two bottles of barium. First bottle 2 hours before the exam. Second bottle one hour before exam.)
- CT with diagnosis of renal mass - **DO** take 2 bottles of barium. (Patient will take two bottles of barium. First bottle 2 hours before the exam. Second bottle one hour before exam.)

CT Urogram: Nothing but clear liquids 4 hours prior to exam.

CT Abdomen Plain: Nothing but clear liquids 4 hours prior to exam. Patient is to be prepped with barium unless this is a renal study. (Patient will take one bottle of barium one hour before scan.)

CT Abdomen w/wo: Nothing but clear liquids 4 hours prior to exam. Patient is to be prepped with barium unless this is a renal stone study. (Patient will take one bottle of barium one hour before scan.)

CT Pelvis Plain: Nothing but clear liquids 4 hours prior to exam. Patient is to be prepped with barium unless this is a renal study. (Patient will take two bottles of barium. First bottle 2 hours before the exam. Second bottle one hour before exam.)

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