

CT Scan Examinations

A Computed Tomography (CT) Scan is an X-ray exam that combines X-ray images (pictures) with the help of a computer to create detailed cross-sectional images of the body. Many different parts of the body can be imaged with a CT scan, including the head, neck, spine, abdomen, pelvis, arms and legs.

CT is often the preferred method to:

- Diagnose the source of pain caused by disease, inflammation or injury
- Diagnose cancer and monitor response to treatment
- Diagnose strokes.

In order to prepare for your procedure, you may be required to change into a medical gown. You will be lying on a scanning table that slides inside a large, circular opening. Today's CT scans are very fast, with the average scan time being only 20 seconds! Even though the CT staff are in another room while the X-ray beam is on, you are in constant sight of the technologist and speakers inside the scanner will allow the staff to communicate with and hear you if you require assistance.

Please tell the Technologist if you are allergic to iodine, shellfish, or contrast (x-ray dye). It is also important to inform the staff if you are claustrophobic or think you will be unable to lie still in the scanner.

Safety Information about CT Scans

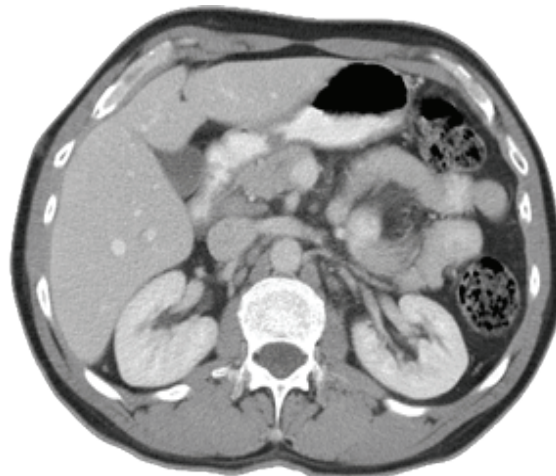
As with all X-ray examinations, a minimum amount of radiation is used to obtain the needed results. A CT scan exposes you to approximately the same amount of radiation as 3 years of naturally occurring background radiation.

Some CT exams also require you to drink barium and/or have an injection of contrast dye to enhance the X-ray images. Your Technologist will discuss the risks and possible side effects of contrast dye with you prior to the procedure.

CT scans are not recommended for women who are pregnant. If you are pregnant please inform the Technologist.

CT Scan Results

The images taken by the Technologist are interpreted by a Radiologist and the results will be sent to your physician.



WE CARE WHAT YOU THINK

Date: _____ Area/Dept: _____

While at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	N/A
1. I was cared for promptly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Staff were courteous	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I received satisfactory answers to my questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I participated in decision making about my care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. My privacy was respected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. My dignity was maintained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. I was provided with follow up or discharge instructions related to my visit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. The Department where I received care was clean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Overall, I feel my care at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital was:				

Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

We strive to make your visit to the Hospital as safe as possible. Please use the following measures to do your part:

1. We are a scent free environment; refrain from wearing perfume, cologne or any scented products before arriving for your appointment or visiting patients.
2. Cover your cough! If you are experiencing respiratory symptoms, please request a mask from any of our registration areas and wear it while on the premises.
3. Hand washing protects us all from the spread of infectious diseases. There is hand cleansing gel available in all areas for your use.