CT scan – Outpatient

Your doctor has ordered a Computerized Tomography (CT) scan to be conducted at Froedtert Hospital.

You are scheduled for a CT of your ______________________ on _________________ at ____________

(body part)                                           (day/date)                                        (time)

** If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call (414) 805-3700. **

***Per our hospital policy, children under 18 must be supervised by a responsible adult, that is not the patient.***

If you are pregnant (or think you may be pregnant), or if you are nursing a baby, please inform your doctor before your appointment is scheduled.

Your CT will be performed in the following area: Radiology Department – 2nd Floor Specialty Clinics

Parking Information: (refer to map on last page) Please park in the following area.

☐  Parking Area One (1)  ☐  Parking Area Two (2)  ☐  Parking Area Three (3)  ☐  Parking Area Four (4)

Make sure you bring your parking ticket in to get it validated.

LABWORK REQUIRED

☐  NO.

☐  YES. To avoid a delay of your CT scan, we ask that your lab tests be done prior to the day of your appointment. If you’ve had a creatinine test at another hospital or clinic, please ask that the results be faxed to our Radiology Department at (414) 805-3777 or you may bring your results with you on the day of your exam. The blood work must be performed within 30 days of your CT exam, Should you require the lab test be done on the day of your appointment, we ask that you arrive in the CT department 15 minutes prior to your appointment time so that we can draw your blood work and have it processed. The results of the blood work should be available within 15 minutes. See below for any additional time requirements prior to coming for your CT examination.

**If you are coming from the cancer center, we encourage you to go to the cancer center lab to have all of your lab work completed. The lab is located on the 2nd floor of the Cancer Center building. (These results usually take up to 1 hour to complete).

ARRIVAL

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time. If you are having an Abdomen, Liver, Kidney, Spleen, Pancreas or Pelvis scan, you will, most likely, be asked to drink upon your arrival and ask that you arrive 60 minutes prior to your appointment time. These instructions will be clarified for you during your reminder call. This call will be made 24-48 hours prior to your appointment time. If indicated for your study, you will be given either oral contrast
(usually mixed with Crystal Light and purified water) or water to drink to properly prepare you for your exam. Once you begin drinking, it takes approximately 45-90 minutes for the contrast to travel through your body to the point where you may be scanned. You will be asked to drink an additional cup of contrast or water once you enter the exam room. If your exam includes a pelvis you may also require a contrast enema. As a gift to you from our Radiology Department, you will receive a 32oz water bottle; we encourage you to take them home.

*If you are required to drink contrast or water, expect to be in the Radiology Department for at least 2 hours*

WHAT IS A CT SCAN?
CT scanning is a way to look inside the body using a special type of x-ray that shows more detail than most other forms of x-rays. Once you are in the scan room, a routine scan of the head may take 15 minutes and a routine scan of the body may take 30 to 45 minutes. Please see below for additional information and time requirements.

WILL I RECEIVE A CONTRAST INJECTION?
Certain CT examinations require an injection of contrast (“x-ray dye”), which helps the physician when interpreting the scan. Often this is not known until the day of the exam – you will be notified upon your arrival. Should you require IV contrast, you will be given a pre-imaging questionnaire, which will help the technologists to determine if there are any risk factors for receiving the contrast. Please be sure to inform the technologist if you have any known allergies to contrast. If you’ve had a previous contrast reaction, please contact your physician for possible premedication.

Please be sure to inform the technologist if you are currently taking Glucophage (Metformin), Glucovance, Advandamet, Glumetza, Metaglip, Fortamet, Riomet, Acto plus MET, Janumet, or Kombiglyze XR. You may take these medications prior to your scan, but may be instructed to stop them for 48 hours after your scan.

PREPARING FOR YOUR CT SCAN
Please wait for the proper prep instructions that will be provided to you during your reminder call. If your study involves imaging of your abdomen, you may be instructed to not to eat anything 4 hours prior to your exam. All other imaging of the head, neck, chest, and extremities may resume a normal diet. Unless directed by your physician, you may take all medications.

You may be instructed to pick-up and follow a specific prep prior to your CT exam. Please be sure to follow the instructions carefully.

AFTER THE TEST
After the exam is completed, the technologist may have the radiologist review the images to determine if further imaging is required. Once all scanning is completed, you will be free to get dressed and leave. The report will be available to your ordering doctor within 2-3 business days and we encourage you to discuss the results with him or her. If you are using MyChart, your results will be released after 5 days

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Patients are encouraged to call with any concerns or questions regarding their exam. The CT Department can be reached at (414) 805-3772 anytime. We are here to serve you 24 hours a day.

Remember…our staff is here to help you. If you have any questions about the procedure, please ask.

Thank you for choosing Froedtert