

CT Contrast Exams

These exams are typically done with IV contrast: Soft Tissue Neck, Chest, Abdomen, and Pelvis.

These exams are always done with IV contrast: Angiography, PE Study, Dual Pancreas, Tri-Phase Liver

PREP: Liquids only, starting 2 hours before test. You may take medications as normal. Depending on the test, you may be asked to drink some oral contrast. If you are 65 years old or older, diabetic, or have a history of kidney disease/nephrectomy, we may need take a sample of your blood to check your kidney function if your creatinine level hasn't been checked within the last 30 days.

Before the Test: For your safety, you will be asked a number of questions by the technologist. He/She is collecting information for the radiologist. Some of the things you may be asked are:

- *Your name and Birthdate.
- *What kind of symptoms have you been having?
- *Any previous surgeries?
- *Your last period and if there is a chance you may be pregnant.
- *All of the questions on the Contrast Permit form (see permit form).

The Test: You may be asked to remove some of your clothing, or to change into a gown for the test. The table will move in and out of the scanner several times, and depending on the body part scanned, you may be given some breathing instructions. Most Contrast exams take about 20-30 minutes on the scanner table. If you are on any Metformin containing drugs, you will be asked to hold off on taking those medications for 48 hours after the test.

Results: The radiologist will study your CT scan in great detail and will dictate a report which will be transcribed and sent to your doctor within 48 hours unless other arrangements have been made.

Every effort will be made to make you as comfortable as possible during your examination. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to the imaging staff at 364-2604.