

CT Non-Contrast Exams

These exams are typically done without contrast, but can be changed to contrast depending on the diagnosis:

Upper Extremity, Head, Cervical Spine, Thoracic Spine, Lumbar Spine, Orbits, Sinuses, Facial Bones, Internal Auditory Canals, Mastoids, Temporal Bones, and Lower Extremity.

These exams are always done without contrast:

Boney Pelvis, High Resolution Chest, Bone Length, Abdomen/Pelvis for Renal Stone.

PREP: None

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 any chance you may be pregnant.

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 Non-Contrast exams take about 10-15 minutes.

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.