

Do I need an Injection?

Sometimes, a special liquid called contrast dye is given through a small injection. This helps make the pictures clearer. The radiographer will explain if you need this. The dye might make you feel warm or give you a funny taste in your mouth, this goes away quickly.

Aftercare - If you do have the special dye we recommend you have plenty to drink (water, squash, juice) to help the dye leave your body more quickly.

The CT team look forward to meeting you



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Computed Tomography (CT) scan information for children & parents / legal guardians

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please speak to a member of staff who can arrange it for you.

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لطفاً با یکی از کارکنان صحبت کنید تا آن را برای شما تهیه کند.

Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formie,
proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil,
vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe
de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

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بسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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What is a CT scan?

A CT scan is a special type of X-ray that takes detailed pictures of the inside of your body. It helps doctors see things like your bones, organs and other body parts. The CT scanner looks like a big, round doughnut with a bed that slides through the middle.



Can my parent stay with me?

Yes, your parent or guardian can stay with you during the scan. They will need to wear a special apron.



Why do I need a CT scan?

Your doctor has asked for a CT scan, to help find out what is happening inside your body. It helps them check:

- Your head or brain.
- Your tummy or chest.
- Your bones.
- Other parts of your body.

The pictures help doctors understand what care or treatment you may need.

What happens during the scan?

Arriving at the hospital - You and your parent or guardian will come to the CT department. A radiographer will explain what will happen.

Changing clothes - You may need to change into a hospital gown and take off anything metal, like jewellery or hair clips.

The CT room - You will lie down on a bed. The bed moves slowly through the round scanner.

Staying still - It is very important to lie still so the pictures are clear. The scan only takes a few minutes.

The noises - The machine may make a quiet whirring or buzzing sounds. That is normal and nothing to worry about.



Top tips for the day

- Bring a favourite soft toy, blanket, or book.
- Wear comfy clothes.
- Ask lots of questions – we love to answer them.
- Try to stay still like a statue.

