

CT SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

NOTE EXCEPTIONS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE

***INTRATHECAL** – *Scheduled through Rehab Doctors.

*CT scheduled 1 hour after injection time.

Prep: 1 hour NPO. Arrive 30 minutes prior to injection time

***CT NON CONTRAST** – First Appt. 0800 / last appt. 1730

Prep: None. Arrive 30 minutes prior to exam

Head W/O

Sinuses

Facial Bones

Extremities

Spine

***CT W/ IV CONTRAST** – First appt. 0800 / last appt. 1700

Prep: No food, water OK 2 hrs prior to procedure.

Arrive 30 minutes prior to exam

BUN and creatinine levels (within 28 days of exam) required for ALL diabetics or patients w/ known renal problems. Printed documentation required in chart or written on order by physician office.

Head

Neck

Chest

***CT W/ IV AND ORAL CONTRAST** – First appt. 0800 / last appt. 1700

Prep: 2 hrs no food, may drink water.

Arrive 1 hour prior to exam

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Upper Abdomen

Abdomen/ Pelvis

***CT W/ IV AND ORAL CONTRAST** – First appt. 0800 / last appt. 1700

Prep: 2 hrs NPO. Arrive 2 hrs prior to exam

BUN and creatinine levels (within 28 days of exam) required for ALL diabetics or patients w/ known renal problems. Printed documentation required in chart or written on order by physician office.

Pelvis ONLY– MUST DRINK GASTROGRAFIN 2 HRS PRIOR TO SCAN.

Appendicitis – MUST DRINK GASTROGRAFIN (ORANGE JUICE DRINK). *SEE CT TECH 2 HRS. PRIOR TO SCAN

PROTOCOL EXCEPTIONS FOR CT CONTRAST

***ABD/PELVIS: STONE PROTOCOL** – **NO ORAL OR IV CONTRAST**. USE NON CONTRAST CT PAPERWORK.

***ABD/PELVIS: APPENDICITIS PROTOCOL** – **PT ARRIVE 2 HRS PRIOR TO SCAN TO DRINK GASTROGRAFIN (ORANGE JUICE DRINK)**. USE CONTRAST PAPERWORK.

***PELVIS ONLY PROTOCOL** – **PT ARRIVE 2 HRS PRIOR TO SCAN TO DRINK GASTROGRAFIN**. USE CONTRAST PAPERWORK.

****Patients who must drink Gastrografin may pick up the Gastrografin and instructions at the Imaging Center at least 2 hours before. The patient must come back ½ hour before scan. ****PLEASE VERIFY WITH CT TECHNOLOGIST.****