

Name: Patient Test
DOB: 01/01/1962

PID: 6862727

CT scan without contrast- McKelvey

You are scheduled for a CT: _____ w/out contrast at 3550 McKelvey Rd, Bridgeton, MO 63044 on _____ at _____ A.M./P.M.

During your test you will lie on a narrow, motorized table that slides through an opening into a tunnel. The tunnel is shaped like a large doughnut standing on its side. Straps and pillows may be used to help you stay comfortable and in position. If you are having a head scan done the table may be fitted with a special cradle that will hold your head still.

While the table moves you into the scanner, the X-ray tube will rotate around you. Each rotation yields several cross-sectional images, like slices, of the inside of your body. You may hear buzzing, clicking and/or whirring noises, this is normal.

A technologist in a separate room can see and hear you the entire time. You will be able to communicate with the technologist via intercom. The technologist may ask you to hold your breath at certain points to avoid blurring the images.

Instructions:

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your study time.

You may eat and drink as normal.

Your medications are fine to continue prior to your exam.

Please leave any metal objects, such as jewelry, that might interfere with imaging results at home.

*** Please inform the technician BEFORE your test if you are pregnant, breastfeeding or suspect you may be pregnant. ***

Frequently asked questions:

Will this test hurt?

CT scans are painless.

How long will the test take?

CT scans usually last about 15-30 minutes.

Will the radiation that I receive from the CT scan hurt me?

CT scans are similar to those of conventional X-rays. During the CT scan, you're briefly exposed to radiation. But doctors and other scientists believe that CT scans provide enough valuable information to outweigh the associated risks.

Will I need someone to drive for me after the CT scan?

No, the CT scan is a safe test that will not affect your ability to drive.

If for any reason you need to reschedule, please call the office at 314-741-0911 at least 24 hours prior to your exam.