

# Neck CT Scans

## Appointment Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## About

Radiologists perform a neck CT scan using a special x-ray machine to take detailed pictures of the organs and tissues of the neck. CT scans provide more detail on neck injuries, tumors, and other diseases than plain x-ray pictures. Neck CT scans can also show bone, soft tissues, and blood vessels in the same pictures.

Our radiologists are skilled in neck CT scanning and will review and interpret the CT findings to locate abnormalities in the neck. A neck CT scan can take up to 15 minutes to complete.

Neck CT scans can detect or confirm the presence of a tumor and provide information about the size and location of the tumor and whether it has spread. Neck CT scanning also enables our radiologists to determine whether the cancerous cells are responding to treatment.

We keep our patients as comfortable as possible during the painless neck CT scan.

## Preparations

To prepare for a neck CT scan, dress in comfortable, loose fitting clothes. At the appointment, you will be asked to remove any metals that might obstruct scans of the neck such as earrings, glasses, dentures, dental implants or bras with metal wire.

Keep taking your regular medicines prescribed by your doctor. Please inform our office of any known allergies to medications. Also, let our radiologists know if you have asthma, multiple myeloma or any disorder of the heart, kidneys, or thyroid gland, or if you have diabetes before receiving a neck CT scan.