

CT HEAD

Patient's Name: _____

You have an appointment in the Radiology Department on:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Note to Outpatients:

Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow for registration. If you are unable to keep the appointment, please call St. Paul's at 604-806-8071 or Mt. St. Joseph's at 604-877-8323 with at least 24 hours notice to cancel or rebook your test for another day. Childcare is not available in the department.

For Your Information

Introduction

Your Doctor has arranged for you to have a CT or CAT scan of your head. A CT of the head is used for detailed information on;

- Head injuries
- Stroke/CVA
- Brain tumors
- Other pathologies/disease process.

Procedure

During the test, you will be asked to lay on the CT table with your head in a special cradle. The table will move through the machine several times to gather the information from the images. You will be asked to keep your head very still. You may be given an IV contrast to highlight the blood vessels depending on what structures the doctors are looking at. The contrast is administered through a catheter put in your arm. Some people feel warm and get a metallic taste in their mouth during the injection.

The test takes between 5 and 20 minutes.

Preparation

- If needed an IV in arm

Results

We send your test results to your doctor as soon as possible. If your doctor does not have your results within two weeks, please ask your doctor to contact us.

*** Please inform the technologist if you have any allergies or may be pregnant. ***