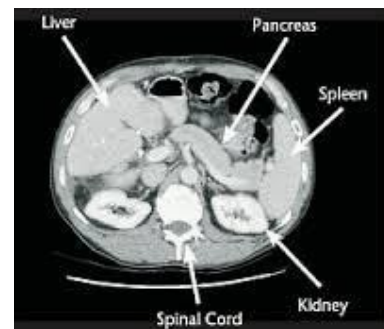


Radiology Department
Information about CT scans

Your doctor thinks that a **CT scan** may help to explain some of the health problems you have had recently.



A CT scan takes **photos of** the inside of your body.



The CT scanner is a **round machine**.



You lie on a **bed** - the bed will **move in and out** of the round hole.



The person who does your scan will talk to you on a speaker.

They will tell you what is happening.



The photos are sent to a computer.



Most scans take less than 20 minutes.



You may be asked to take off things like jewellery or belts.



You might need to have an **injection** of dye during your scan.

If you do, there will be a **tube** in your arm during your scan.

Is the scan painful?

The scan does not hurt.

The injection might hurt a bit.



Is the scan safe?

X-rays can be dangerous.

The Radiographer will make sure you don't get too much.



We will check you are well enough to have the injection by asking questions.

You may also feel quite warm or get a metal taste in your mouth when you have the injection.

If you are pregnant, or think you might be, please call us before the scan.



Can I bring someone with me to the scan?

You can bring someone with you.

They may be asked to wait just outside the door for a very short time while the X-ray pictures are being taken.



Can I eat before the scan?

Usually you can eat and drink as normal before your appointment.

Your letter will tell you if you can't.



Sometimes we will ask you to come early.

Your letter will tell you.

What happens afterwards?

You can return to the ward or go home after the scan.

You can eat and drink as normal afterwards.

The Radiographer will tell you if you need to drink more than usual.



Students and teaching

Sometimes a student may watch your scan to help them learn.

We will ask you if this is ok.



Any more questions?

Call the CT Appointments Office on 01603 286081.

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