

# CT musculoskeletal

Patient information leaflet



Welcome to exceptional healthcare

**This patient information sheet should answer any questions you have about your upcoming diagnostic test(s). If you still have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Radiology Department. Contact details can be found on the back of this leaflet.**

### **What is CT Scan?**

A CT scan is a special x-ray examination that takes detailed pictures of the body. On this occasion, we will be looking at either your elbow, forearm, wrist, hand, shoulder, spine, knee, lower leg, foot and or ankle.

### **How should I prepare?**

You don't need to do anything specific to prepare for this scan.

### **How long will it take?**

The examination takes approximately 15-20 minutes.

### **What exactly happens before and during the examination?**

You will be asked to change into a gown for your scan. You will be called into the scanning room by a radiographer, who will check your name, date-of-birth and address.

They will also explain the examination to you. Please ask any questions you may have or offer any information you feel the radiographer needs to know.

You will be asked lie on your back or front with your arms above your head (superman position) or by your side, depending on the area to be scanned. If you are unable to do this please tell the radiographer and they will position you in a different way. The radiographer will enter the next room to start your scan. They will be able to see and hear you at all times.

The table you are laying on will move you in and out of the scanner several times during your examination.

Once your examination is complete the radiographer will come back in and help you off the table.

### **Important: Please contact the Radiology Department if you:**

- are a female of child-bearing age or may be pregnant
- are unable to attend the appointment or have difficulty with any aspect of the instructions.

## **Results**

If you were referred for this scan by your GP, the report will be sent to your GP within 2 working days. You should make an appointment to see your GP after this time to get your results.

If you were referred by a hospital doctor or consultant then you will get the results at your next clinic appointment. Please ensure you have a follow-up appointment booked with your referring doctor to discuss your results. If you do not already have one then you should contact the consultant's secretary to arrange it.

## **Important information for patients paying for their own treatment**

We respectfully request that your account is settled either by insurance authorisation or payment at the time of your appointment.

## **Further information**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries. Contact details can be found on the back of this leaflet.

If you would like a copy of this information in large print or an alternative language, please contact the Radiology Department.

Please note we are unable to provide child care facilities during your examination and children will be unable to accompany you into the examination rooms.

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