



## SAINT ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER

CT Head, CT Brain, CT Sinus, CT Temporal Bones, CT Internal Auditory Canal (IACs), CT Renal Stone Study, CT Spine, CT Non-Contrast Exam

**CT Department**

815-227-2723 or 815-639-8332

**Test Name:**

Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center CT Department.  
You have been scheduled to have a **CT Scan**.

This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled.  
Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

The CT scanner looks like a big square with a hole in the middle, but the scanner does not touch you. You will lie on a table that slides in and out of the hole. You will hear a slight noise when the X-ray tube is rotating around inside the big square. The OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center CT scanner is large enough to accommodate a 500 pound patient.

### **When to come:**

Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

### **What to bring with you:**

You may have had images done at a hospital other than OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Please bring copies of the pictures with you the day of the test. You may also request that the doctor's office send the pictures or results to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center before your test.

### **Preparation:**

No preparation is necessary, unless instructed by the doctor's office.

### **Jewelry:**

Please remove all jewelry prior to your test.

### **Pregnancy testing:**

Pregnancy testing will now be performed on females receiving diagnostics between the ages of 10 and 55 if you have not had your tubes tied or a hysterectomy. Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable. If you know that you are pregnant, please notify your doctor.

### **Medications:**

You may take your medications as usual.

### **Test instruction:**

CT exams are generally painless, fast and easy. You may be asked to wear a hospital gown for your test. Metal objects including jewelry, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures and hairpins may affect the CT images which may require you to remove them prior to your exam.

Your test will take approximately 15-30 minutes. The registered technologist will position you comfortably on the CT table. You may be lying on your back or stomach depending on the area of the body your doctor has ordered.

The table will move you slowly through the middle of the scanner. You may be asked to hold your breath for a second or two during the scanning. Any motion, whether breathing or body movements, can cause the picture to be blurry.

### **After test instructions:**

You may go on as normal for the rest of the day.

### **Test results:**

Your test will be read by a radiologist - a doctor specializing in reading CT exams - who will complete a report that will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor on how to receive your test results.