

CT Angiogram – A Patients Guide

How does a CT (Computed Tomography) Scanner work?

X-rays pass through your body as you slowly slide through the scanner, producing cross sectional images.

Who does your Scan?

You will be scanned by a Radiographer who is specially trained in this area.

Before your Scan

You will be asked to complete a contrast media safety questionnaire. The Radiographers will check through this with you prior to your scan when you are consented for the procedure. For most examinations you will need to change into a gown and remove jewellery. It may be possible to avoid this if you attend in clothing that is completely free of metal fittings, zips, clips, buttons etc.

This is CT scan (X-ray) test to show blood vessels in a particular area. The test will involve an injection in the arm, followed by a rapid series of images from which the computer can reconstruct the blood vessels. You should not drive for one hour after the injection. The test takes approximately 15 minutes.

No preparation is required for this examination

During the Scan

The Radiographer will explain the procedure to you before the examination starts and you should feel free to ask questions. You will be asked to follow swallowing and/or breathing instructions for short periods during this examination.

Who interprets your Scan

A Radiologist will interpret your scan. This is a doctor that has specialised in medical imaging.

Results

The outpatient department or your referring clinician will tell you when you go back for your results.

If you have any questions please contact the CT & MRI Reception Desk on 01702 385036 or Fax 01702 385921