

CT Calcium Score – 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

The Radiographer will explain the procedure to you before the examination starts and you should feel free to ask questions. 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.

Calcium Scoring is a simple method of assessing potential disease in the coronary arteries. The test takes approximately 15 minutes and should involve no discomfort. No preparation is required for this examination.

Please note that you may be called back to the department for a second scan at a later date.

During the Scan

ECG electrodes will be placed on your chest to enable the scanner to take images between heart beats. You will also be asked to follow breathing instructions for short periods of time.

Who interprets your Scan

A Cardiologist will interpret your scan. This is a doctor that has specialised in reporting these types of scans.

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