

## CT Pulmonary 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**

The Radiographers will check through your safety questionnaire 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 a CT (X-ray) test to show the lungs and the blood vessels in the chest. It will require an injection in the arm, followed by a rapid series of images. The test will take approximately 15 minutes. You should not drive for one hour after the injection.

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 breathing instructions for short periods of time.

### **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**