

**CT****IMAGING | RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

RESULTS

The radiologist will read your exam and send the report to your provider within 24-48 hours.

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Imaging department at 765-932-7556 with any questions or if you need to re-schedule your exam.

THANK YOU

Thanks for choosing RMH for your imaging needs. We look forward to seeing you!

CT WITH IV CONTRAST

WHAT TO EXPECT

Your provider has ordered a CT scan for you. For this exam, you will lie on a table that will move you through a “donut” shaped scanner. It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing free of metal buttons or zippers. You may be asked to change your clothing, at which time, we will provide a locker for you to secure your belongings in until we are finished with your exam.

Since your CT scan has been ordered with IV contrast, it will last approximately 30 minutes. IV contrast is used to better visualize internal organs and the structures around them. IV contrast is administered in the vein, so you will need to have an IV started before your exam. If you have a Power Port, it will need to be accessed prior to your exam as well. The IV contrast highlights internal organs, arteries, veins, and tissues as it travels throughout the body. A blood test will be completed prior to administering IV contrast in effort to ensure your kidneys are functioning properly and your body is able to filter and flush out the contrast.

Your provider may request your exam to be completed with oral contrast. This is a diluted barium mixture that may be obtained prior to your exam from the RMH Imaging Department. It may be drank at home or at the hospital, whichever you prefer. Drinking instructions will be provided to you when you pick up your oral contrast.

PATIENT PREP

BEFORE YOUR EXAM

Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to your exam. If your provider has ordered lab work, please complete it no more than 7 days prior to your exam. If your exam requires oral contrast, please obtain it from the Imaging Department prior to your exam date, or arrive 90 minutes prior to your appointment time if you prefer to drink your oral contrast at the hospital. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time to register at the admissions desk. The admissions desk is located inside the hospital’s main entrance, entrance “A”