

CT GENERAL LETTER

You are scheduled to have a CT scan on the following date and time:

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY. IT CONTAINS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

CANCELLATIONS: If you are unable to keep this appointment, you must call (804) 675-5237. Cancellation may lead to delay in your treatment.

If you weigh over **660 POUNDS**, please call (804) 675-5235.

*** If you are **ALLERGIC TO X-RAY DYE** or **IODINE**, please call your physician to obtain pre-medication. ***

In the past 1week, if you had to DRINK BARIUM or x-ray contrast, please call (804) 675-5235.

DO NOT EAT or TAKE ANY MEDICINES & INSULIN for 3 hours prior to your CT scan. Drink plenty of liquids. If you are Diabetic, please check your blood glucose before coming to the hospital, and if needed, drink at least one sugar drink before coming to the hospital.

ARRIVE 30 MIN BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME. If you're late, you may have to be rescheduled. Be prepared to wait as emergent studies may take longer than expected.

You **MAY** or **MAY NOT** have to drink barium and/or get IV contrast.

For information about the CT scan please visit the website: www.radiologyinfo.org

*** IF YOU ARE TAKING **GLUCOPHAGE (METFORMIN)** FOR DIABETES, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TELL THE CT TECHNOLOGIST WHEN YOU ARRIVE. ***

AFTER THE EXAM, YOU MAY EAT. IF YOU ARE GIVEN ANY IV CONTRAST DURING THE EXAM, DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS, AS THIS WILL HELP ELIMINATE CONTRAST FROM YOUR SYSTEM.

If you have any questions please call us at 804.675.5235. Results will be sent to your requesting provider.

We appreciate having this opportunity to serve you!

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