

Instructions for CAT Scan patients

This page of instructions is for patients referred for a CAT Scan. Computer Aided Tomography (CAT) is a computerized x-ray used show a 3 dimensional view of the head and neck area to assess tumors, bone volume, localization of unusual anatomy, implant planning and for most any other use that normal dental radiographs may show. The 3-D image gives important, uninvasive information not obtainable by other means.

CAT scans can be taken at a hospital, but medical CAT scans and their software do not cater to dental needs and cannot be manipulated in the same way as dental CAT scans. In addition, medical CAT scans subject a patient to more radiation than a dental CAT scan and are more expensive. The total radiation is equivalent to 1-1/2 to 3 times that required for a usual panoramic x-ray.

Your CAT scan will take about 20 minutes to take. This includes time to register, make the image, check for any problems and check-out time. If paid for at the time of service, there is a considerable cost savings. Images paid at the visit are around \$250. You needn't take any special precautions for the visit other than to remove all metal possible from the head and neck (partials, eyeglasses, earrings, oral jewelry, etc).

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