

Computed Tomography (CT)

Outpatient Examination Instructions



Appointment

Date:

Time:

If you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please call 408-851-5020.

Arrival time for appointment

Arrive at least **15 to 30 minutes before** your scheduled procedure time, unless otherwise instructed. If you are late, your procedure may be cancelled or rescheduled for a later time. Please allow extra time to find parking and appointment location.

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Please do not bring children that cannot be left unattended.

Appointment instructions

If you leave your provider's office with a scheduled radiology appointment and a preparation is needed, follow the preparation given to you.

- Please drink 6-8 glasses of water 24 hours before your scheduled appointment.

If your appointment will be booked by Radiology, preparation instructions will be given to you at the time of scheduling.

Computed tomography (CT) exam

A computed tomography (CT) scan uses X-rays to make detailed pictures of structures inside of the body.

During the test, you will lie on a table that is attached to the CT scanner, which is a large doughnut-shaped machine. The CT scanner sends X-rays through the body area being studied. Each rotation of the scanner takes less than a second and provides a picture of a thin slice of the organ or area. All of the pictures are saved as a group on a computer. They also can be printed.

An iodine dye (contrast material) is often used to make structures and organs easier to see on the CT pictures. The dye may be used to check blood flow, find tumors, and look for other problems. The dye can be used in different ways. It may be put in a vein (IV) in your arm, or it may be placed into other parts of your body to see those areas better. For some types of CT scans you drink the dye. CT pictures may be taken before and after the dye is used.

CALL US BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE.

YOU MAY BE ASKED TO MAKE A PAYMENT ON THE
DAY OF YOUR CT PROCEDURE.

Your health and peace of mind are important to us. To help ensure that you'll be properly prepared for your scheduled procedure, please give us a call.

Depending on your health plan, you may be asked to make a payment or deposit when you check in on the day of your procedure.

If you have a deductible plan

If you have a deductible plan, you may be asked to pay a deposit toward the full amount of the charges for your visit. The deposit for a CT exam is \$385. After your visit, you will receive a bill for the remainder of the balance, based on the procedure performed and specific benefits of your plan. To find out what the full amount will be, visit us at kp.org/memberestimates or call 1-800-390-3507, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and select option 2.

If you do not have a deductible plan

If you do not have a deductible plan and have questions about your benefits or want to know your payment amount for your procedure, visit us at kp.org/eligibilityandbenefits or call our Member Service Call Center at 1-800-464-4000 or 1-800-777-1370 (TTY for the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired), weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Making your payment

You may pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover Card), personal check, or cash, or you may use your ATM/debit card.

If you need financial assistance

Kaiser Permanente offers financial assistance. If you are concerned about your ability to pay your cost share or deductible deposit, or if you do not have health insurance, our Medical Financial Assistance and Discount Payment Program may be able to help. For more information or to obtain an application, log on to our Web site at kp.org/mfa. You may also call toll free at **1-866-399-7696**, weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., or you may speak with one of our local Kaiser Permanente financial counselors.

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