

Imaging Services – CT Scan

Exam: _____ Appointment Date: _____ Appointment Time: _____

Location for Exam: _____ 888 S. Rancho Dr. _____ 4475 S. Eastern _____ 2704 N. Tenaya Way

Your provider will send your referral to the Southwest Medical Associates (SMA) Scheduling department. Please allow two business days for your referral to be processed. To schedule, reschedule or cancel your exam, please call, **702-877-5390** Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

**** If Labs were ordered for you, we recommend you complete your lab work and then call to schedule your CT appointment.****

Bring your most recent films, related to the current problem, which were done at a facility other than Southwest Medical Associates. They must be hand carried the day of your appointment.

To better serve you, Imaging Services asks that you:

1. Arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment time for paperwork and check in at the reception desk. If you are late for your appointment, you may be rescheduled.
2. You may have a co-pay for your procedure, please call your insurance company to verify the cost.
3. **DO NOT** bring children with you to your appointment. We do not have the facilities or the personnel to provide for their care while your exam is being done.
4. If you have questions about the exam that is being ordered for you please contact your provider directly.
5. Please wear clothing that does not have METAL and/or ZIPPERS (any jewelry in the area of interest should be removed prior to exam).
6. You may be required to have blood test(s) that must be completed a minimum of 3 days prior to your exam date. (But no longer than 30 days from your exam date). We recommend you complete your lab work and then call to schedule your CT appointment.

If your exam is being ordered with IV contrast and you are allergic to iodine, you must contact your provider for specific instructions regarding your exam.

If you are having an exam that will use IV contrast, you *may* be required to have a blood test that must be completed a minimum of 3 days prior to your exam date. This blood test is a BUN and Creatinine and should be ordered by your provider.

Reasons patients must have the blood test:

- 61 years of age or older
- History of renal disease, including:
 - Dialysis
 - Kidney transplant
 - Single kidney
 - Renal cancer
 - Renal surgery
- History of hypertension requiring medication
- History of diabetes mellitus
- Metformin or metformin-containing drug combinations

If you have an implanted power port (port-a-cath) that can be used with a power injector, you will need to provide at least one type of identification for the port (port ID card or Key ring ID card) at the time of your appointment in order to positively identify the type of port.

For best results some examinations require the administration of a preparation. Listed below are the preparations required for these exam types. All oral CT prep solutions can be picked up at any SMA facility. Failure to prepare may result in rescheduling your appointment. **Exams not listed will not require any preparation.**

***CT Scan of the brain, soft tissue of the neck, or the chest (with IV contrast)**

1. Nothing to eat for four (4) hours prior to the exam
2. You may have clear liquids up to two (2) hours prior to the exam
3. You are encouraged to drink water up to (30) minutes prior to the exam
4. Take prescribed medication (unless instructed otherwise)
5. Blood work as needed

***CT Scan of the abdomen:**

1. Nothing to eat for four (4) hours prior to the exam
2. You may have clear liquids up to two (2) hours prior to the exam
3. You are encouraged to drink water up to 30 minutes prior to the exam
4. Take prescribed medication (unless instructed otherwise)
5. One hour prior to your exam, drink the 1 bottle of CT oral prep

***CT Scan of the pelvis, or both the abdomen and pelvis:**

1. Nothing to eat four (4) hours prior to the exam.
2. You may have clear liquids until two (2) hours prior to the exam.
3. You are encouraged to drink water up to (30) minutes prior to the exam.
4. Take prescribed medications (unless instructed otherwise)
5. Drink one (1) bottle of the CT oral prep, three hours prior to your exam.
6. Finish drinking the 2nd bottle of the CT oral prep one-hour prior to your exam.
**These exams usually require an intravenous injection of a substance known as, iodine contrast media, which helps visualize blood vessels and organs*

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español (Spanish), hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas, sin cargo, a su disposición. Llame al 702-242-4357.

請注意：如果您說中文 (Chinese)，我們免費為您提供語言協助服務。請致電：702-242-4357