



Copper Queen Community Hospital

Imaging Services Examination Preparations

Cat Scan Examinations

Cat Scan of the Head with contrast

Patient will need to pick up prep kit from the radiology department. It consists of two types of pills (2 Ranitidine 150mg and 2 Atarax 25mg). Patient will need to take one of each of the pills before they go to bed the night before. The next morning, an hour before the appointment patient will need to take the remaining two pills. Patient is not to eat or drink anything after midnight, except for a little water to take the pills with.

Cat Scan of the Chest with contrast

Patient will need to pick up prep kit from the radiology department. It consists of two types of pills (2 Ranitidine 150mg and 2 Atarax 25mg). Patient will need to take one of each of the pills before they go to bed the night before. The next morning, an hour before the appointment patient will need to take the remaining two pills. Patient is not to eat or drink anything after midnight, except for a little water to take the pills with.

Cat Scan of Soft Tissue Neck with contrast

Patient will need to pick up prep kit from the radiology department. It consists of two types of pills (2 Ranitidine 150mg and 2 Atarax 25mg). Patient will need to take one of each of the pills before they go to bed the night before. The next morning, an hour before the appointment patient will need to take the remaining two pills. Patient is not to eat or drink anything after midnight, except for a little water to take the pills with.

Cat Scan of the Abdomen and Pelvis with Contrast

Patient will need to pick up prep kit from the radiology department. It consists of two types of pills (2 Ranitidine 150mg and 2 Atarax 25mg) and a bottle of barium. Patient will need to take one of each of the pills before they go to bed the night before the exam. Pour the bottle of barium into a container; fill the container with water until you have made a quart of the barium/water mixture. Shake well, stick in the refrigerator (the mixture goes down better cold). An hour before the appointment, drink about two-thirds of the barium mixture, at this same time take the remaining two pills. Patient needs to bring the remainder of the barium to the appointment.

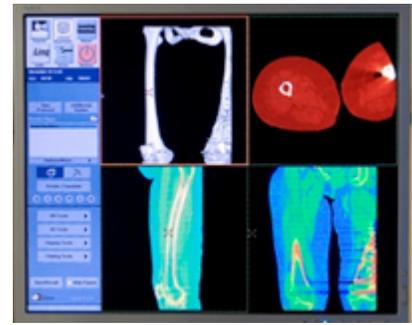
Cat Scan of the Head, Chest, Spine without Contrast - No preparation is needed.

Please note: Even though an order for a CT Abd and Pelvis may state that the study is to be done without contrast, oral contrast might still need to be given. If you get an order like that from your physician, for anything not listed above, or you are unsure of the prep, please contact the Radiology Department.

Ultrasound Examinations

Ultrasound of the Abdomen, Liver, and Gallbladder

Patient is not to eat or drink anything after midnight.



Pelvic and OB Ultrasound

Patient is to drink 32-40 ounces of fluid an hour before the appointment. Once the patient has completed drinking the fluid they **ARE NOT TO USE THE RESTROOM**. Patients need to have a full bladder for the exam.

Renal Ultrasound

Patient is to drink 32 ounces of fluid an hour before the appointment. Once the patient has completed drinking the fluid they **ARE NOT TO USE THE RESTROOM**.

Mammography

Patients should not wear any deodorant, body lotions, or powders the day of their appointment.

DEXA (Bone Density)

No prep. Wear comfortable clothing, clothing without zippers will reduce the chance of having to change into a gown.

MRI

MRCP: Nothing to eat or drink 6-8hours before exam time.

No pacemakers or stimulators.

Previous metal in the eyes may require additional radiographic clearance.