



The Perth Radiological Clinic Difference

- > 19 Convenient locations
- > Caring, helpful and professional staff
- > State of the art diagnostic equipment
- > Over 60 specialist radiologists, trained to provide you with accurate and reliable results
- > World class digital imaging networking between clinics provides the benefit of second opinions from specialist radiologists, no matter which of our clinics you attend.

An appointment has been made for you

Location _____

Time _____

Date _____

CT Scan Location Guide

Armadale

3056 Albany Hwy
Ph: 9391 2010
Fax: 9391 2019
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5

Bentley Hospital

Mills Street
Ph: 9458 1373
Fax: 9350 5644
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Bethesda Hospital

25 Queenslea Drive
Claremont
Ph: 9286 0400
Fax: 9286 0430
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Booragoon

260 Leach Highway
Ph: 9317 8488
Fax: 9317 8368
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Gosnells

122-126 Stalker Road
Ph: 9394 9966
Fax: 9394 9960
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Innaloo

8 Odin Road
Ph: 9445 9888
Fax: 9445 9808
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Joondalup

Reid Promenade
Ph: 9400 0600
Fax: 9300 2856
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

JHC

Shenton Ave
Ph: 9400 0500
Fax: 9400 9033
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Kalamunda

Elizabeth Street
Ph: 6293 1799
Fax: 6293 1781
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Midland

21-23 Victoria Street
Ph: 9250 2829
Fax: 9250 2254
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Mount Hospital

L2 140 Mounts Bay Rd
Perth
Ph: 9424 4600
Fax: 9424 4630
Mon - Fri: 8.00 - 5.30
Sat: 9.00 - 12.00

Morley

Corner Collier And
Walter Roads
Ph: 9375 9055
Fax: 9375 9008
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Nollamara

217 Wanneroo Road
Ph: 9344 1632
Fax: 9440 4420
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Rockingham

215 Willmott Dve
Waikiki
Ph: 9592 1222
Fax: 9592 9893
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

South Perth

1 Burch Street
Ph: 9474 7600
Fax: 9474 7630
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Subiaco

127 Hamersley Rd
Ph: 9380 4888
Fax: 9380 4188
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Westminster

4/476 Wanneroo Road
Ph: 9241 2222
Fax: 9349 4122
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00



A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

CT SCAN

For information regarding your appointment, please see the back of this leaflet.

For more information about any of our services, please visit our website:

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What is a CT Scan?

Computed Tomography (CT) uses low levels of radiation to help diagnose and monitor a wide array of conditions. A CT scanner has detectors which move around the body in a circular motion. This allows detailed images to be built up as you move through the scanner. The CT scans are cross-sectional views of the body that can be viewed in a sequence, much like slices of bread stacked together.

Using the CT scanner and a powerful computer, we can build three dimensional images showing the soft tissues, bones and blood vessels, and see parts of the body which are difficult to view by any other method. Most CT examinations are simple, fast and painless.

Preparation

There is often no preparation required for a CT scan.

However, depending on the area of the body being examined you may be asked to fast for a period of time before your scan. For some examinations of the abdomen, you may be given some water or a special drink before your scan.

You will be advised by our reception staff if you require any special preparation when you make your appointment.

Once you arrive at the clinic, you will be given a questionnaire to complete, which asks you to provide information about any medications you may be taking, any known allergies and any medical conditions you have.

Please inform us if you are taking any diabetic medication, have kidney disease or have had a previous reaction to x-ray contrast, and please bring a list of all your current medications to your appointment.



Procedure

You will be asked to lie on a table which is moved into the centre of the scanner. This contains the x-ray tube and sensitive detectors. These rotate around the part of the body to be examined but will not touch you. You may be asked to hold your breath for a few seconds during the scan.

You will be monitored by our trained staff at all times.

Some CT examinations require an injection of a special contrast, which contains iodine, to enhance a particular body part or structure. Without this injection some important abnormalities may go undetected. The contrast or dye is usually injected into a vein in your arm. For CT arthrogram studies, it is injected into the joint that is being scanned. If you need an injection of contrast you will be asked to sign a consent form before your examination.

Are there any side effects?

Side effects from having a CT scan are very rare.

During your procedure you will be exposed to a small amount of radiation. The benefits of detecting disease are believed to outweigh any potential risks from receiving such a small dose. At PRC, we have special protocols to ensure that radiation during the scan is kept to the minimum required to produce diagnostic quality images.

If you need to have an injection of contrast dye it is quite common to experience a warm flush and/or a metallic

taste in your mouth. Occasionally some patients may experience transient nausea or an itchy rash. These side effects, if they occur, do not last very long. Other more severe allergic reactions are extremely rare.

Please inform the technologist if you think you might be pregnant before your scan.

How long will the procedure take?

Your CT scan will be analysed and reported by a fully qualified and accredited specialist radiologist (a medical doctor with specialist training in diagnostic medical imaging). The CT scanner generates a large number of images which need to be carefully analysed by the radiologist. The processing, reviewing and reporting of your CT images may take up to 1 or 2 hours. Additional time is required for typing the report, printing films and creating a CD of your images. Usually, the report is available to your referring doctor the next working day. Please notify the reception staff if you are going to wait for your films.

Please bring any previous x-rays with you on the day of your examination. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us!