CT Chest, Chest with High Resolution, Chest for Pulmonary Embolism

Patient Instructions:
- Patients should have nothing to eat 3 hours before the test. Patients may take any necessary medication if need. Patient may drink clear liquids.
- For studies requiring Oral Contrast:
  - If appointment is scheduled in am: Patient should drink 1 bottle of oral CT contrast (Redi-CAT 2) at 9:00 PM the evening before the exam and a second bottle 2 hours before the exam.
  - If appointment is scheduled in pm: Patient should drink 1 bottle of Oral CT contrast (Redi-CAT 2) at 7:00 am the day of the exam and a second bottle 2 hours before the exam.
- Contrast is available at satellite offices and the Main Radiology Department.
- The Radiology Department does not provide any sedation to patients. This MUST be done by the physician.
- We will only perform non-contrast studies on Sedated patients.

Scheduling Instructions:
- Appointment Required: To Schedule call 237-9203. All same day add-on exams must be scheduled through the Radiology Department. Contrast studies can not be scheduled after 4:00 PM.
- Patient will need to be given the Radiology Department Exam Preparation Form (Yellow) prior to leaving office.
- Completed Radiology Order must accompany patient and can be faxed to Department at 237-9311.
- Pre-Certification should be done PRIOR to the exam by the ordering office (See current Pre-certification procedures).
- Has the patient had any previous CT or related studies?
- Patient should be instructed to arrive 15 minutes prior to the appointment time.
- Total estimated time for Procedure: 20 – 25 minutes.

IMPORTANT: To expedite scheduling, please have the following patient information BEFORE scheduling:

History of Diabetes, Kidney Disease?
- Is the Patient 65 year of age?
- If the answer is “yes”, the patient will need to have a serum creatinine drawn ideally 3 days prior to the exam (if one was not done < 30 days prior to exam) so that this is available when the patient presents.
- All Patients over 65 years or patients with RENAL INSUFFICIENCY must have a creatinine level within 1 month of the exam date. This includes patients who have one kidney or have had renal cancer.

Has the patient ever had an Allergic Reaction to iodine, IVP, or CT contrast before?
- If “yes”, what occurred (hives, difficulty breathing, etc). Please let the Radiology Department know so that they can provide pre-medication instructions.
- Patients that are ALLERGIC TO IV CONTRAST must be PREMEDICATED with 50 mg Benadryl AND Prednisone the night before and 2 hours prior to the Exam (this includes any exam with iv contrast).

Previous CT, MRI, or X-ray of the abdomen/Pelvis or similar area?
- If “yes”, please note when and where so that we can located these. Failure to obtain this information can delay interpretation of the patients study.