



NAVAL HOSPITAL LEMOORE
RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY CHEST/HEAD/EXT/SPINE
PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

Appointment Date:

Day: _____ Time: _____

1. Please remove all metallic objects around the body part being scanned. This includes but is not limited to: Hair clips, **any** facial piercings (**ear, lip, nose, eyebrow, or tongue**), dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids, necklace and brace. Forgetting to remove these will not harm you, but it will affect the quality of images.
2. If you are allergic to iodine and the exam requires x-ray dye which contains iodine, please inform us right away so we can give you the prescription for the pre-medication. The pre-medication starts 72 hrs prior to your appointment. It needs to be picked up the pharmacy.
3. **WARNING:** If you are currently taking Glucophage (Metformin) and you are given x-ray dye through an IV, please be advised that you cannot take Glucophage for 48 hrs after your appointment to avoid lethal effects.
4. A lab work is required for patient 50 years old and above and /or for patient with kidney problems, diabetes and hypertension. Please make sure that this is done before your appointment.
5. There is no available Child Care in the Radiology Department. Non-patient children are not allowed in the exam room during a procedure. Please make the necessary arrangements prior to your exam date to avoid unnecessary rescheduling.
6. Following the examination, (if contrast is administered) it is recommended that the patient drink 6-8 a glasses of water that day and avoid drinking caffeinated beverages for the remainder of the day to help flush the contrast out.
7. Please be prepared to wait, in case of any unexpected mechanical or technical problems. If you have any questions or concerns, or are unable to keep your appointment, please call us as soon as possible at (559) 998-4477/4849. A 24-hour advance notice for cancellations is appreciated.

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