

# Fact Sheet

## NON-CONTRAST CT SCAN

### What is a CT scan?

A CT scan is a painless test that uses X-rays and a special machine to take pictures of the inside of your body.

The CT scanner looks like a large ring with a flat bed in the middle for you to lie on.

### What is involved?

**Before** the test, tell your **doctor** and the imaging staff if you have **allergies**, are **pregnant** or think you **might be pregnant**.

For the scan, please remain as still as possible.

While you are lying on the bed, the machine will slowly move you into the opening where the pictures are taken.

### What happens after the test?

A radiologist (a specialist doctor) looks at the images and sends the results to your referring doctor.

### Are there any risks?

The CT uses x-ray radiation to take the pictures of your body. Exposure to x-ray radiation slightly increases the risk of developing cancer later in life.

The increased risk is small.

Your doctor considers this risk is less than the risk from not identifying or treating your disease or condition properly.

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