



# CT SCAN CONSENT FORM

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Patient name

Investigation

Your doctor has asked for a special x ray examination called a CT scan or computerized tomography. During this test, a thin X ray beam is rotated around the area of the body the doctor wants more information about.

The scan itself is painless, but you will have to remain completely still on the examination table while the scan is being done.

In some cases, a special dye is needed to help the organs show up more clearly.

If this is necessary, your doctor will tell you.

## RISKS

People are exposed to radiation from natural sources all the time. All x-rays involve a small extra dose of radiation. The dose of radiation used for CT examinations is carefully controlled to ensure the smallest possible amount is used that will still give a useful result. However, all radiation exposure is linked with a slightly higher risk of developing cancer.

The size of any increased risk depends on the age of the patient and the total amount of radiation received. The risk of any one scan is very small indeed, but increases if many scans are needed. The doctor(s) asking for this test will have weighed any risk against the benefit to be gained from the extra information the CT scan should provide.

I understand the procedure has the following **specific risks and limitations**:

There is a very small risk associated with radiation exposure. This cannot be avoided.

There may be risks associated with the use of x-ray dye

As a CT scan is usually avoided if a woman is pregnant, I should tell the staff if this may affect me

If I suffer from claustrophobia, I may find it difficult to remain still within the scanner and should warn the staff beforehand

## INDIVIDUAL RISKS

I understand the following are **possible significant risks and complications specific to my personal circumstances**, that I have considered in deciding to have this scan:

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## DECLARATION BY PATIENT or PARENT

I acknowledge the radiologist has informed me about the procedure, other options and answered my specific queries and concerns about this matter.

I acknowledge that I have discussed with the doctors any significant risks and complications **specific to my circumstances** that I have considered in deciding to have this scan. I have received a copy of this form to take home with me.

## DECLARATION BY DOCTOR

I declare that I have explained the nature and consequences of the scan to be performed, and discussed the risks that particularly concern the patient or the parent(s) /guardian(s).

I have given the patient and/or the parent(s)/ guardian(s) an opportunity to ask questions and I have answered these.

Doctor's signature

Date

Signature of patient  
/ parent/guardian



**INTRAVENOUS CONTRAST  
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As part of your examination we will need to inject you with a contrast material. This clear colorless liquid is removed from your body by your kidneys and will not alter the appearance of your urine. It will show up on your images to provide important diagnostic information.

Soon after the injection you may experience a metallic taste and a warm sensation, probably first in your face and head, and then in other parts of your body. You may feel nausea, these feelings last only a short time.

Occasionally, minor reactions occur in the form of itching, sneezing, hives, swelling of the eyes or wheezing. These symptoms may require treatment with medication we have at hand.

Rarely, a more serious reaction will occur, the health team members working with you today are trained and equipped to assist you promptly if a problem occurs. Medical statistics indicate that a fatality may occur in 1 (one) out of fifty thousand (50,000) injections. Your personal physician is aware of the risk of complication and feels that the diagnostic information to be obtained outweighs the small risk of the injection. We take every precaution to obtain a good examination with maximum safety.

Please let us know if you have had a previous reaction to contrast media as part of a kidney examination, angiogram, CT or other examination. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood the above and give consent to have a contrast injection. I understand that, despite every skill and prudent effort made to avoid complications during the examination, there is no guarantee a complication will not occur.

Signature of Patient/Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

