

Be sure to inform your doctor and the CT technologist if you are, or suspect you may be pregnant before proceeding with the CT scan. CT scans are not performed during pregnancy.

Additionally, if you've ever had contrast agents before and experienced discomfort or an allergic reaction, inform the technologist and your doctor.

The scanner has a weight limit of 500lbs (Bedford) and 450lbs (Concord, Derry & Raymond)

How should I prepare?

- There is no preparation required for: spines, head without contrast, sinus and extremity scans
- Preparation of drinking an oral prep agent prior to your exam may be required for abdomen & pelvis scans. If receiving, you will get instructions either at the time of scheduling or when picking up the oral preparation.
- You may receive IV contrast. The IV contrast adds detail to all major organs and blood vessels. The technologist will explain the contrast procedure in detail and detailed medical history will be taken from you.

-All exams needing IV require you to have nothing to eat for 3 hours before your scan. Clear liquids are ok.

-If contrast is required please bring a current list of medications

-you may feel some light discomfort while the IV is initially set up. While the IV is first being administered, you may have a cool sensation in your arm, a metallic taste in your mouth and/or a warm flushing sensation. All sensations are normal and go away within a few minutes.