



## CT Guided Injection

# Scanning Department Radiology

## Great Western Hospital

If you need to cancel or you have queries or concerns please contact the department on

**01793 60 50 51**

Opening Hours  
Monday - Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm



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## What is a CT Scan?

A computerised tomography (CT) scan uses X-rays and a computer to create detailed images of the inside of the body

## Can I bring a friend or relative?

Yes. Your relative or friend may come with you to the scanning department, but they may not be able to stay with you for the CT scan. Please note, there are no childcare facilities within Radiology

## What do I do before I come?

Be aware that all items of jewellery worn in or on the area being scanned will need to be removed

## For females of child bearing age.

**You must ring for advice if:**

- You think you may be pregnant
- You are breast feeding

## Can I take my medicines as usual?

Yes, continue to take all medicines as normal

**Please contact us if you are taking warfarin**

## Are there any risks?

During your procedure you will receive a dose of ionising radiation to help us form images of your body and this will provide your doctor with detailed information. The radiation dose is always kept as low as possible. The actual dose you receive will vary depending on the type of procedure you are having, but your doctor has considered this and feels that this is



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the best procedure for you to have to help diagnose or treat your condition.

We are all at risk of developing cancer in our lifetime and the added risk from undergoing your procedure is small and is outweighed because of the benefits it provides and every procedure that you have in Radiology has been assessed to ensure that the benefit outweighs the risk. For more information see the displays within the department or ask a member of staff.

## **What happens during the CT scan?**

- We will ask you to keep very still whilst the bed moves through the scanner and the pictures are being taken
- You will be injected with a steroid
- The scan should take approximately 20 minutes

## **What happens after?**

- You should not drive yourself home
- You may eat and drink normally

## **How will I know the results of the CT scan?**

- The results will not be available on the day because the Radiologist will need to study your images and write a report
- You will receive a letter or follow up appointment from the clinic to discuss the results

## **Are there any weight restrictions?**



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If you weigh more than 140kg (22 stone) then please let us know

## What if I need to contact you to change or cancel my CT Scan?

CT Booking Office: Ring **01793 605051**

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From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds.

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