

# Emory Radiology

## CT Information for Physicians



### General Information:

- Cannot scan patient without order
- Order requirements:
  - Patient information
  - Physician signature/correct contact information
  - ICD-9 code
  - Diagnosis/symptoms
  - Body part to be imaged
  - IV contrast - with only, without only, with/without
- Patients needing conscious sedation or general anesthesia are to be scheduled at EUH or EUHM (ground floor) only
- If patient needs an interpreter inform Radiology scheduling so arrangements are made for one to be present during exam

### Contrast:

- If patient needs IV contrast they should be aware they will have an IV started.
- Creatinine level needed within 30 days of CT exam.
- If creatinine level > 1.8 please discuss with radiologist regarding appropriateness of exam.
- Radiology has a POC unit that measures creatinine if a patient presents without labs.
- Either radiologist or technologist will notify the office if creatinine is abnormal.

### Allergies:

- Patients allergic to IV contrast must be pre-medicated prior to their appointment time.
- 1st dose of pre-med should be given 12 hours prior to the scan.
- Patients allergic to IV contrast and not pre-medicated will be rescheduled.
- Pre-medication instructions are attached for your records.

### Power Ports:

- Can be used to inject IV contrast.
- Schedule an appointment with Infusion lab (8-5761) to have power port accessed prior to CT exam.
- Standard ports and PICC lines are prohibited from use for power injection or hand injection; this is also EHC policy.
- Patients with a standard port or PICC line will have IV access established.

### Add On Patients:

- If STAT please include number for report to be called.
- Worked in between scheduled patients; may wait an hour or more.
- Consider if patient diabetic and has not eaten!
- Check for creatinine and allergies.

### Reading Room numbers

Body – 404-778-5423  
Neuro – 404-717-9250  
MSK – 404-778-6265  
Chest – 404-712-5014  
IR – 404-712-7870