Welcome to Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital Radiology. Your physician has scheduled you for a CT exam in Radiology. CT is a painless, noninvasive diagnostic procedure that uses an advanced x-ray technology that produces cross-sectional images of your body.

**SCHEDULING**

- CT appointments are scheduled M-F from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. CT exams are by appointment only and are scheduled by your referring physician. To reschedule your CT appointment, please call Radiology Scheduling at 314-996-8080, M-F from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.
- Please confirm with your referring physician’s office that any precertification required by your insurance has been done before your arrival.

**YOUR ARRIVAL**

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to allow for registration time.
- Please bring a photo ID (driver’s license or state ID), and insurance card(s) with you to your appointment. Forms can be found at www.barnesjewishwestcounty.org/radiology.

**PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM**

- Take your medication as you normally do, unless your referring physician has told you otherwise.
- Other than taking your medication, do **not** eat or drink anything for 2 hours before your CT exam unless otherwise instructed.
- A technologist will explain the exam and answer any questions. Be prepared to discuss your completed medication record, allergies, and past medical history.
- Some CT exams require a contrast to make parts of your body display more clearly. Depending on the exam, this contrast is administered either by IV or as a liquid you drink.

**LENGTH OF EXAM**

Exams typically take 15 minutes or less, but may vary according to the area being imaged. From start to finish, please allow at least 45 minutes for your entire CT appointment.

**AFTER YOUR EXAM**

- All radiology exams are read by a physician known as a Radiologist. The radiologists at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital are all specialized experts in their field.
- The radiologist will report your CT results to your referring physician within 24 hours. Your referring physician’s office will discuss the results with you.
- If IV or oral contrast was necessary for your exam, drink extra fluids for the next 48 hours.

**QUESTIONS**

Visit our website at www.barnesjewishwestcounty.org/radiology or call the Radiology Department at 314-996-8496.