Welcome to Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital Radiology. Your physician has scheduled you for a PET/CT exam in Radiology. PET/CT is a diagnostic exam that produces images of the body. PET/CT exams involve a special camera that detects energy emitting from the radioactive substance, called a radiotracer.

**SCHEDULING**
- PET/CT appointments are scheduled M-F from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. These exams are by appointment only and are typically scheduled by your referring physician. To reschedule an exam, 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), insurance card(s), and a completed Medication Record 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 with water.
- Do not chew gum 4-6 hours prior to your appointment.
- You should arrive fully hydrated.
- **For exams before 1:00 pm**, do not eat or drink anything except water after midnight.
- **For exams after 1:00 pm**, do not eat or drink anything except water after 7:00 am. You may have a light breakfast before 7:00 am.
- Do not wear anything metallic (jewelry, belts, zippers, underwire bras, etc.).
- Refrain from strenuous physical exercise 24 hours prior to your exam.
- A technologist will explain the exam and answer any questions.
- Be prepared to discuss your completed medication record, allergies, past medical history, and any previous surgeries.
- You will receive a radiotracer by IV before the exam.

**LENGTH OF EXAM**
PET/CT exams last 1 to 2 hours.

**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 PET/CT results to your referring physician within 24 hours. Your referring physician’s office will discuss any results with you.

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