

Patient information factsheet

Radiotherapy CT scan (oral contrast)

An appointment has been made for you to have a CT scan.

CT stands for computerised tomography and uses x-rays and a computer to create detailed images of the inside of the body. The scan will be used to plan your radiotherapy treatment, which means working out how much radiation you need to treat the cancer and exactly where you need it.

On the day of your CT scan

- You must not eat for **two hours** before your appointment, but please do drink water.
- Please continue to take your medication as normal.

When you arrive please report to:

Radiotherapy reception
Level A
Southampton Oncology Centre
Southampton General Hospital
Tremona Road
Southampton
SO16 6YD

When you arrive in the radiotherapy department you may be given a flavoured liquid to drink. This contains a harmless dye that helps your bladder show up clearly on the scan. Your scan will then take place approximately 30 minutes later.

Contact us

If you have any queries, please telephone radiotherapy reception on **023 8120 8568**.

Useful links

NHS Choices - Radiotherapy, How it is performed:

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Radiotherapy/Pages/How-it-is-performed.aspx

Cancer Research UK – Planning your external radiotherapy:

www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/cancers-in-general/treatment/radiotherapy/external/plan/preparing-your-radiotherapy-plan

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