

Patient information factsheet

CT imaging - information for carers

Thank you for offering to assist during the CT (computed tomography) scan of your child/friend/relative.

CT imaging, also called diagnostic imaging, is the use of x-rays (a type of ionising radiation) to produce 3D images of internal structures of the body for the purpose of accurate diagnosis.

Assisting with this procedure is common practice and is safe. However, due to the use of ionising radiation we are legally required to provide you with information relating to the level of radiation you will be exposed to.

During CT imaging there is a very low risk associated with the amount of radiation you will be exposed to.

In order to further minimise your exposure to radiation, please wear the provided lead protection as instructed by the radiographer.

The radiographer will also advise you on where to stand/sit during the procedure.

Please ensure that if you are required to provide physical support to the patient that you follow all instructions given by the radiographer, otherwise this may result in the scan needing to be repeated.

Please ask your radiographer if you have any questions or would like more information.

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