



Advanced Imaging Newport Coast

Patient Information

CT ABDOMEN & PELVIS (STAT** - APPENDICITIS PROTOCOL) WITH AND WITHOUT I.V. CONTRAST**

Pregnancy : If you are pregnant, CT is not recommended for you

ATTIRE : No restrictions
ARRIVAL TIME : Upon arrival
OTHERS : Bring previous films and/or reports related to your examination.
EXAM LIMITATION : 400 lbs. body weight
DIET : Preferably NPO

BEFORE EXAM

- Drink 2x bottles of oral contrast mixed with Gastrografin
- In order to better visualize the appendix area, you may need to wait 30-40 min or up to 1 ½ hour before the exam.
- Depending also on the area of consideration and clinical diagnosis, a second phase study involving an administration of I.V. contrast may be necessary.

I - Recent Lab works (BUN/CREATININE LEVEL) No later than 90 days, if you are :

- 65 years and older
- Have a history of allergy to iodine
- Have a history of renal insufficiency or disease
- Have high blood pressure
- May be pregnant
- Diabetic and taking the following medication(s) :

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| - METFORMIN | - FORTAMET |
| - GLUCOVANCE | - RIOMET |
| - GLUCOPHAGE | - AVANDAMET |

(or any medication containing METFORMIN)

II - If you are taking any diabetic medication listed above, please inform one of our staffs.

You will be requested to stop taking any of the medications listed above 24 hours before your scheduled exam. You will also be advised not to take it 48 hours after the exam.

Please inform your doctor that you have been asked to stop taking your medication (listed above) 24 hours before and 48 hours after your exam.

You may resume taking it only after your physician has advised you to.

We look forward to providing you with the best service possible. Should you have further inquiries, please reach us at (949) 644-4100