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This is a sophisticated X-ray investigation using a Computed Tomography (CT) scanner to visualise your abdomen and pelvis, focusing on the anatomy of your colon (large bowel).

A small flexible tube or catheter will be gently inserted into your rectum (back passage). Some air will then be passed through the catheter to outline your colon.

An injection of intravenous contrast agent will be administered prior to the scan, to enhance the X-ray images.

The entire procedure will take approximately one and a half hours to complete.

You should have been given an instruction pack containing information and 2 sachets of bowel preparation called Picolax. If you do not have it, please telephone the X-ray Department on 028 9068 7999, at least 2 days before your appointment.

On the day before the examination, please follow the instructions on the Picolax leaflet. Make up the solution as directed on the Picolax leaflet.

At 9pm, take 30mls of Visipaque (270mg/ml) orally as directed.

On the morning of examination, no solid food is allowed. You may have black tea, clear soup or jelly.

Individuals of childbearing capacity aged 10-55

Information regarding possibility of pregnancy will be sought by the radiology staff prior to booking and on the day of your scan.

If you think you may be pregnant or if your period is late, please contact the X-ray Department.

DIABETIC PATIENTS

It is important that all diabetic patients let us know in advance if you take tablets for diabetes as we may need to give you further instructions regarding your medication.

RISKS/BENEFITS OF THE PROCEDURE

X-rays are a type of radiation. We are all exposed to natural background radiation every day of our lives; this comes from the sun, food we eat, and the ground.

The amount of radiation you receive from your CT scan will vary depending your age, size and reason for your scan.

The main benefit is making the correct diagnosis to ensure you receive the correct treatment.

Exposure to X-rays carries a small risk, but your doctor feels that this risk is outweighed by the benefits of having the scan. We will take all safeguards to minimise the amount of X-rays you receive.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND

If, for any reason you cannot keep the appointment, please let the X-ray Department know as quickly as possible so that the appointment space can be offered to another person on the waiting list.

Telephone 028 9068 7999.



Name of Patient:

Appointment Date:

Appointment Time:

Referring Consultant:

Radiologist:

If you have any queries
our CT Radiographers
will be pleased to help you:

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