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Radiology Testing

- CT Scan: Location _____ CT Angiogram: Location _____
 MRI: Location _____ Ultrasound: Location _____
 Percutaneous Needle Biopsy: Location _____ _____

This test has been ordered by:

- Dr. Teiger Dr. Polatnick Dr. Tallapureddy _____

Patient Name: _____

Your procedure is scheduled for: _____

Schedule time: _____

Arrive at: _____

Location: Radiology Reception, located on the 2nd floor of St. Francis Hospital

CT Scan: This is a sophisticated computerized x-ray test that improves the understanding of the area which is being studied. Occasionally dye may be injected to enhance imaging. If the scan is of the abdomen, a Kool – Aid - like tasting liquid is given to drink. Our newest scanners are quite rapid now so the total study time is usually less than 30 minutes.

MRI Testing: A Magnetic Resonance Imaging test is a highly sophisticated and safe non-x-ray imaging of the body utilizing a strong magnetic field. You must let us know if you have any implanted metal material (pacemaker, artificial joints, etc.) in your body. Also, let us know if you have *bad* claustrophobia.

Ultrasound: This study utilizes sound waves to obtain images of internal structures. There are no x-rays or injections and a study will last usually less than 30 minutes.

Percutaneous Needle Biopsy: This is a diagnostic biopsy test done by the hospital radiologists using the CT scanner for precise guidance. The skin is numbed with Novocain and a thin biopsy needle is passed through the skin and precisely into the lesion that needs a biopsy for diagnosis. The test itself takes less than 10 minutes but the pre-procedure preparation and the post-procedure observation period can take approximately 3 - 4 hrs. *If you are taking Coumadin, please notify us immediately, as this medication will need to be stopped a few days before the procedure. Check with our office for specific details.

All tests are painless, safe and rapid, and requires a short "laying down flat on your back" period while the scanner takes the image. Occasionally, a dye injection is used to enhance the images.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

- You should not eat or drink for 4 hours before any of the exams.
- You may take your medications with sips of water as you would normally.
- Please let us know if you are or might be pregnant, have implanted metal or have a dye allergy.

**If you have any question, please feel free to call our office at 860-278-3812.
Be sure to schedule a follow-up appointment to review the results of your tests with
the doctor.**

Parking is available: in the St. Francis Hospital Collins Street parking garage. Enter the Patient Care Tower on any floor and **proceed to the 2nd floor** information desk. At the information desk, you can be easily directed to the **Radiology Reception** office on the 2nd floor of the main hospital building.