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EXAM: CT Abdomen and Pelvis

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam can help to show or rule out abnormalities and/or disease processes in the abdomen and pelvis.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Table weight limit is 450lbs. Please let your physician and imaging staff know if you have any allergies, especially to iodine. Blood work may need to be done to assess kidney function and be sure that you are a candidate for the contrast injection.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	The exam itself will only take a few minutes, but there will also be time needed for paperwork and blood work. Most likely you will be pre-registered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right. If you are having blood work prior to the exam to check kidney function, check in at the registration department 1 hour prior to your exam. This is the first office on the right past the main lobby.
PREPARATION:	Patient will be given instructions on when to drink barium for the exam and where and when to pick it up if needed. Patient does not need to drink barium if the exam is only to assess for kidney stones. <i>Nothing to eat or drink for 4 hours prior to the exam.</i> Before that the patient should be sure to drink fluids to be hydrated for the placement of an IV. If the patient is having a Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan done the same day they do not need to drink early barium. Allow 72 hours between CT exam and colon or GI exams in radiology.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	If patient is taking glucophage, glucovance, metformin, or avandamet they will need to discontinue use 1 day prior to the exam and 2 days after if having IV contrast. If patient needs a colon or GI exam done in radiology they must wait at least 72 hours between exams due to the barium for both exams.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	An IV will be placed into a vein in the arm and a contrast will be injected. This contrast helps the kidneys, ureters and bladder and blood vessels to be visualized on CT. The patient can expect to get a warm sensation all over, especially in the pelvic and bladder area. There is also a good possibility that you will need to drink a barium solution to help show your intestinal tract. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.