



# ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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**EXAM: CT Head** (Routine, Mastoids, Temporal Bones,  
Facials, Orbits, Sinuses)

<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. Some of the exams for the head will require and injection depending on the doctors diagnosis.
<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:</b>	Table weight limit is 450lbs. Please let your physician and imaging staff know if you have any allergies, especially to iodine.
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?</b>	The exam itself only takes about 5-10 minutes. You must allow time for any pre-testing, registration or paperwork. 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.
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	If the patient is having IV contrast for the exam they should have nothing to eat or drink for 4 hours prior to the exam. Before that the patient should try to drink water to be well hydrated for the possible IV placement.
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	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 <i>if having IV contrast.</i>
<b>WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:</b>	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. 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.