



In an effort to simplify some confusion and concerns in ordering CT examinations, we have constructed a quick reference guide. This guide lists the most common indications for CT examinations based on location with the recommended prescription and need for oral and/or IV contrast. This was developed to minimize the number of phone calls placed to our referring physicians based on recent feedback. As always, we are happy to assist you any way we can.

Reference Guide to Ordering CT Exams

Head and Neck

Stroke/Trauma
 Headache/Tumor
 Acute/Chronic Sinusitis
 Mastoid/
 Temporal Bone Pathology
 Facial Fracture
 Orbit Pathology
 Cervical Spine Pathology
 Salivary Stone
 All Other Neck Pathology

Order

CT Head Without IV Contrast
 CT Head With and Without IV Contrast
 CT Sinus Without IV Contrast

 CT Mastoids Without IV Contrast
 CT Facial Bones Without IV Contrast
 CT Orbits With IV Contrast
 CT C-Spine Without IV Contrast
 CT Neck Without IV Contrast
 CT Neck With IV Contrast

Chest

Pulmonary Embolism
 Aorta Aneurysm/Dissection
 Interstitial Lung Disease
 Pulmonary Nodules
 Abnormal Chest X-ray
 Mass/Lymphadenopathy
 Thoracic Spine Pathology

Order

CT CTA Chest With IV Contrast
 CT CTA Chest With IV Contrast (In comments add "Dissection Protocol")
 CT Chest With IV Contrast (In comments add "Interstitial Lung Disease Protocol")
 CT Chest With IV Contrast
 CT Chest With IV Contrast
 CT Chest With IV Contrast
 CT Thoracic Spine Without Contrast

Renal

Trauma
 Kidney Stone
 Renal Mass
 Hematuria

Order No oral contrast needed for renal exams

CT Abdomen and Pelvis With IV Contrast
 CT Abdomen/Pelvis Without IV Contrast (in comments add "Stone Protocol")
 CT Abdomen With and Without (In comments add "Renal Mass Protocol")
 CT Abdomen/Pelvis With and Without (in comments add "Hematuria Protocol")

Abdomen/Pelvis

Pain
 Colon Pathology
 Small Bowel Pathology
 Tumor/Liver/Pancreas/Mets
 Appendix
 Adrenal Mass
 AAA/Dissection
 Bladder Mass
 Lumbar Spine
 Trauma

Order

CT Abdomen and Pelvis IV Contrast (with oral)
 CT Abdomen and Pelvis IV Contrast (with oral)
 CT Abdomen and Pelvis with IV Contrast IBD Protocol (in comments add "Volumen Protocol")
 CT Abdomen and Pelvis IV Contrast (with oral)
 CT Abdomen and Pelvis With IV Contrast, (oral)
 CT Abdomen With and Without IV Contrast (No oral) (in comments add "Adrenal Protocol")
 CT CTA Abdomen and Pelvis With IV Contrast, (No oral)
 CT Abdomen and Pelvis With IV Contrast, (No oral)
 CT Lumbar Spine Without IV Contrast (No oral)
 CT Abdomen and Pelvis With IV Contrast, (No oral)

Extremities

Pain/Fracture
 Cellulitis/Abscess

Order

CT extremity, Specify Location, Without IV Contrast
 CT extremity, Specify Location, With IV

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