

C.T. SPINE

Purpose:

To obtain cross-sectional images of the spine.

How long will this procedure take?

Allow 30 to 60 minutes for this study.

Preparation:

None.

Procedure:

The CT technologist will ask for information regarding any pertinent medical history or symptoms in order to determine the best method to perform your examination. You may be asked to read and sign an informed consent for the use of IV contrast. You will be asked to lie flat on the table which will move slowly into a large “doughnut” shaped machine. The technologist may ask you to hold your breath for up to 30 seconds. Many images will be obtained at various levels.

After the examination:

The radiologist will study your films and dictate a report which will be sent to your physician within 24 hours.