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CT scans



CT stands for 'computed tomography' and uses X-rays to make the images of the inside of your body that are cross-sections of...

The separate scans are then joined together to create a 3D image, which is much clearer than standard X-rays, and show internal structures...

A CT scan can be used to diagnose or monitor a range of conditions, such as tumours and bone disease. Doctors often use CT scans for diagnosis, such as a biopsy or radiology treatment...

What happens during a CT scan?

A radiographer will perform your scan and you will be asked to lie flat on a table. You will then lie flat inside a ring-shaped scanner. The scan itself takes around 5 and 15 minutes. Your total appointment time will be around 30 minutes.

The CT scan is painless. You may need to hold your breath for a few seconds. Some organs or blood vessels show up better than others.

You will be exposed to some radiation, but the amount is very low. There is no risk to the unborn baby. Children and pregnant women should not have a CT scan unless it is a serious condition that puts them at a high risk of complications.

However, the amount of radiation used is low, and your doctor will only advise you to have a CT scan if the benefits of having the scan are likely to outweigh any potential risk.

Why choose Bupa Cromwell for CT scans?

Bupa Cromwell Hospital offers the best quality imaging available. Our CT scanner can carry out a full body scan in just 10 seconds. This provides high definition imaging in 3D, enabling doctors to see small vessels as thin as a human hair, in any part of the body, and make a quicker diagnosis.

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