



CAT SCAN PREPARATION

ABDOMEN/PELVIS CAT SCAN:

(WITH and WITHOUT status only pertains to the IV contrast!! All Abd/Pelvis CT scans will be given the ORAL contrast which requires the 2 hour time wait, except for RENAL PROTOCOL CTs and they have NEITHER the ORAL or the IV contrast, because they will both mask the presence of a stone.)

No food or drink for 8 hours: nothing by mouth for 8 hours prior to the exam.

If the exam requires oral contrast you will come to the hospital to drink the contrast. You are allowed to leave and come back for your scan after finishing your drink; however, you may not eat or drink anything during this time.

For Abdomen cat scans there is a one hour wait after drinking the contrast before the scan can be performed, two hours for Abdomen/Pelvis scans.