

CT Scans

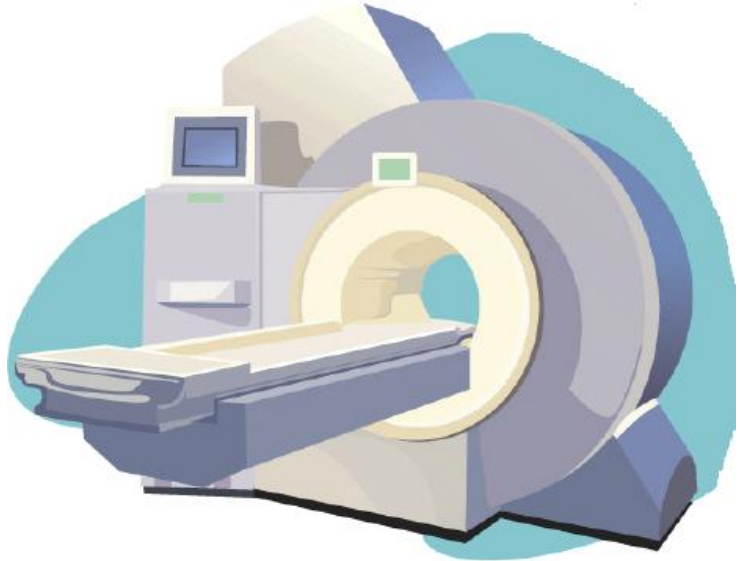
Also called: CAT scan

Computed tomography (CT) is a diagnostic procedure that uses special X-ray equipment to create cross-sectional pictures of your body.

CT images are produced using X-ray technology and powerful computers.

The uses of CT include looking for

- Broken bones
- Cancers
- Blood clots
- Signs of heart disease
- Internal bleeding



During a CT scan, you lie still on a table. The table slowly passes through the center of a large X-ray machine. The test is painless.

During some tests you receive a contrast dye, which makes parts of your body show up better in the image.

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