

What you need to know for your PET/CT exam.



At <<facility name>>, we take pride in providing our patients with the highest levels of cancer care.

That's why we use a Siemens Biograph Horizon™ PET/CT system, which offers a high level of image quality. With it, we can provide your doctors with the type of high-quality imaging they need to find even the smallest cancer cells earlier and be more confident in their diagnoses. As a result, they can provide you with a more personalized—and potentially more definitive—treatment strategy.

Your PET/CT imaging appointment is on _____

What will happen at my appointment?

You'll be asked to change into a gown and then you will lie down on a patient table. You'll receive an injection of a biomarker to help the radiologist better visualize structures in the body. A small intravenous (IV) line will be placed in your arm, and you will need to wait an hour post injection before the PET/CT exam can begin. The scan itself can take anywhere from 15–35 minutes, but you should plan on being at the imaging facility for approximately 2 to 3 hours.

Your PET/CT Exam Checklist

- ✓ Remove all metal objects, such as a belt or jewelry.
- ✓ Bring images from previous examination (including X-rays) with you.
- ✓ Discuss with your doctor how many hours you will need to fast before the examination.
- ✓ Let your physician know if you have had previous allergic reactions.

What is a PET/CT exam?

A Positron Emission Tomography (PET)/Computed Tomography (CT) exam is a type of medical imaging that shows biological functions and detailed anatomical structures together. You can think of it like an X-ray, except an X-ray gives us a picture of the structures in your body. A PET/CT image tells us how specific organs and tissue function.

Is it safe?

At our facility, we are dedicated to the highest levels of patient safety—which is why our healthcare team selected the Biograph Horizon system. PET/CT systems use small amounts of ionizing radiation that pass through your body to create an image. The Biograph Horizon features technology that supports lower medical radiation dose while still maintaining the excellent image quality your physicians need.

If you have any additional questions or concerns before your exam, please contact us at <<facility phone number>>.

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