

CT scan of a surgical seam in the rectum with contrast medium

Your doctor has referred you for CT examination.

The treating unit will inform you of the time and place of the examination.

Computed tomography (CT) uses X-rays to take cross-section images.

Please reserve approximately 1 hour for your visit.

The examination usually takes approximately 15 minutes.

Patients who need urgent examinations may be examined before you.

Please see the arrival instructions or appointment letter for contact information, if you have any questions about the examination.

Before the examination

- Do not eat anything for 2 hours before the examination.
- Drinking liquids (water or juice) up until the examination is recommended.
- Do not drink coffee or tea because they increase the heart rate.
- Take your prescribed medication as instructed.
- **If you are hypersensitive to iodine contrast medium**, please inform the doctor who referred you to this examination as soon as possible.
- **If you are pregnant or you suspect that you are pregnant**, please inform the doctor who referred you to this examination as soon as possible.
- If you are a peritoneal dialysis patient, please empty the dialysis fluid from the abdominal cavity for the duration of the scan.

During the examination

It is important that you remain still during the scan because movement causes blurry images.

The radiographer will be able to talk to you, hear and see you during the scan.

For a CT scan of the surgical seam in the rectum, a contrast medium will be inserted into your rectum with the tip of a thin tube while you lie on the examination table. The contrast medium is used to check if the seam is intact.

Often, iodine contrast medium is administered into a vein on your arm. The contrast medium improves the visibility of blood vessels and different tissues.

The contrast medium may cause a momentary sensation of warmth and possibly metallic taste in the mouth.

The contrast medium will excrete through the urine.

After the examination

The contrast medium does not prevent you from driving a car and returning to work after the examination.

You will receive the results of the examination from the doctor who treats you.

If you do not know how to find out the results, please contact the outpatient clinic or ward that referred you to this examination.

Other things to note

You will not be charged for the examination separately.

Cancel the appointment if you cannot come. If you do not cancel, you will be charged a fine.

Further information

For further information please visit:
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> [Tietokonetomografia- eli TT-tutkimus](#)

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