

## Plain CT examination of the urinary tract due to pain in the flank

Your doctor has referred you to a CT examination. The clinical unit will inform you of the time and place of the examination.

Please reserve approximately 1 hour for your visit. The examination usually takes less than 10 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

- Continue to take any medication prescribed by your doctor.
- A full bladder is sufficient for initial preparation.
- If you are a peritoneal dialysis patient, please empty the dialysis fluid from the abdominal cavity for the duration of the scan.
- **If you are pregnant or suspect that you are pregnant**, please inform the doctor who referred you to the examination as soon as possible.

### During the examination

X-ray computed tomography (CT) forms cross-sectional images of the targeted area using x-rays. The procedure is painless.

During the examination, you need to lie still as motion causes image distortion.

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

### 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.

More information on penalty fees: [www.hus.fi/en](http://www.hus.fi/en) > For patient > Patient guide > After treatment > Patient fees > [Client fees | HUS](#) > Fee for unused service.