

What you need to know about Computerized Tomography (CT)

Preparing for your procedure.



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St. Paul Radiology takes great pride by providing you with the best care and service experience in the East Metro area.

We want to ensure you a positive experience at one of our St. Paul Radiology locations by offering information on Computed Tomography (CT).

Computed Tomography (CT) produces detailed images of the body, providing information about the internal organs, bones, and soft tissues and with computer generated assistance creates cross-sectional images of body tissues and organs that are used to diagnose diseases and disorders.

What is a CT scan?

Your physician has ordered a diagnostic procedure known as Computerized Tomography, or CT. This procedure is an important tool in diagnosing and monitoring many diseases and medical conditions.

Before your examination begins, a CT technologist will ask you some medical questions, explain your procedure and assist you into the CT room. You will be asked to lie on a padded table, which will move into the scanner opening and your exam will begin.

What information should I provide before my CT examination is scheduled?

You will be asked to complete a medical questionnaire that will assist in assuring that the highest quality exam is performed.

What should I wear to my examination?

Please wear comfortable clothing that does not have zippers or other metal fasteners. If you cannot wear this to your exam, a cloth gown or robe will be provided. Lockers are available to store your personal belongings.

Is there any preparation on my part prior to the scan?

Some CT examinations require oral preparation. For exams that do require preparation, information will be provided to you.

Do I need to bring anything with me to the exam?

Yes. Please bring your insurance card. Your insurance company will be billed for the procedure. You will receive a bill for any co-pay or non-covered expenses from St. Paul Radiology Outpatient Imaging.

May I move during the examination?

It is important that you remain as still as possible. The technologist may ask you to hold your breath at various times during your procedure so that the images will be clear. It is very similar to having your photo taken.

Is a CT scan painful?

The CT scan is painless; however some procedures require that an IV be started for an injection of contrast material that will show specific organs more clearly.

How long will my examination last?

Exam time varies depending on what part of your body is being scanned.

How will I receive my CT scan results?

A Board Certified Radiologist (a physician who specializes in interpreting diagnostic images) will study the images from your examination and send a report to your physician.



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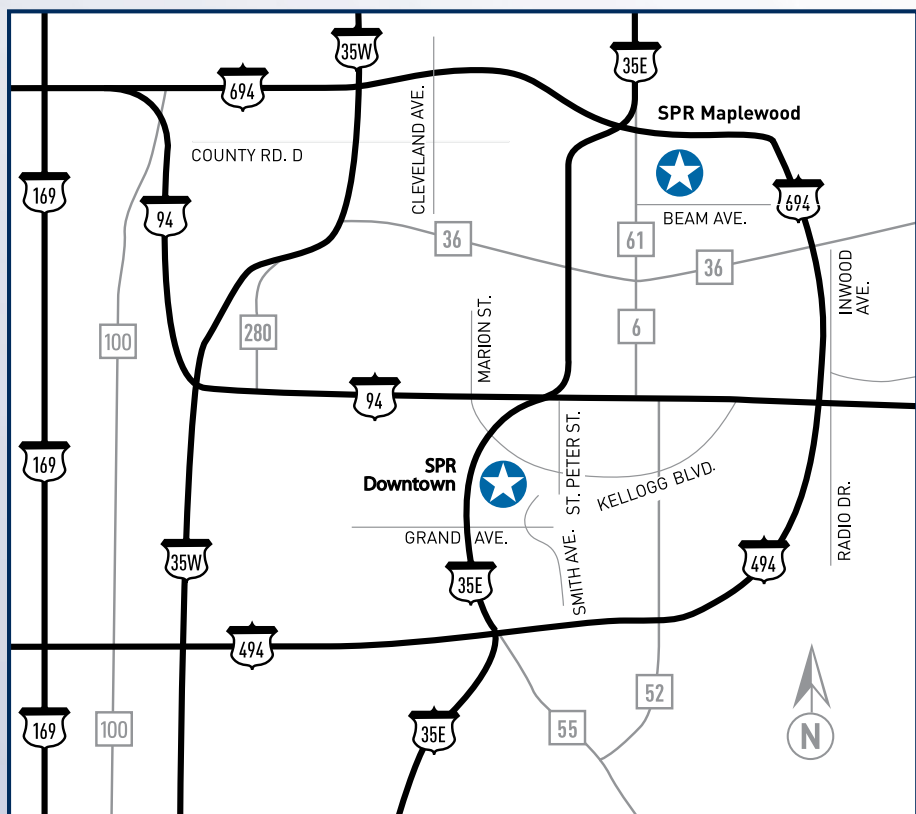


When we envision our patient experience, we begin with images like this in mind.

Over 98% patients surveyed said they were satisfied with their experience at St. Paul Radiology. We understand their concerns and make them a priority.

If you have additional questions, please contact the St. Paul Radiology scheduling department at

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