



Name: _____ Medical Record _____

Doctor: _____

You have been scheduled for the following at our Homewood Office:

CT of the Abdomen and Pelvis

DAY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____ (am) (pm)

Please contact us at the number listed above for any needed directions.

Description of the CAT scan of the abdomen and pelvis: The CAT scan or computerized axial tomogram is a special x-ray of the abdomen and pelvis (lower abdomen) using a very sophisticated computer with a rotating x-ray head. To help us see all the structures more clearly, a dye may be injected into one of your veins, and you may be asked to swallow a liquid containing barium before the procedure. We will get a good look at most of the abdominal and pelvic structures including the kidneys, liver, spleen, and lymph nodes surrounding the large abdominal vessels, bladder and rectum. In the female, the uterus is also seen. It is especially helpful to us for locating urinary stones, tumors and enlarged lymph nodes. The picture is actually generated on a computer so that the results are not always ready immediately like simply x-rays.

Possible risks of the CAT scan of the abdomen and pelvis: Because a dye is sometimes injected, the possibility of an allergic reaction may be present. A physician will be in attendance and will administer the proper therapy, if needed. You will be exposed to small amounts of radiation. (Tell us before the procedure if you are pregnant.)

Preparation for a CAT scan of the abdomen and pelvis: Liquids may be taken up to the time of the scan, but NO SOLID FOOD AFTER MIDNIGHT. Medications may be taken whenever necessary. You may be given barium to take home with you to drink before the exam. You MUST drink this barium two (2) hours before your scheduled exam. After the test you should drink plenty of fluids. If you receive barium before the test, a mild laxative might be needed to wash the barium out. (Milk of Magnesia is okay)