

INFORMATION FOR CLINICIANS ORDERING CT SCANS

A Diagnostic Imaging Outpatient Centre (DIOC) for Computed Tomography (CT) is available at Misericordia Health Centre with extended hours and the ability to accommodate walk-in patients.

Please refer less-urgent and non-urgent outpatient CT scans to Misericordia Health Centre, rather than to acute-care sites with emergency departments.

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING OUTPATIENT CENTRE

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Misericordia Health Centre

204-788-8266

Patients can be directed to the Diagnostic Imaging Outpatient Centre for the following CT exams:

Uninfused/Non-Contrast exams	Clinical indications appropriate for walk-in service
Head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain • Facial Bones 	r/o hemorrhage or CVA
Sinuses	r/o sinusitis
C-Spine	non-traumatic; r/o disc herniation or radiculopathy
T-Spine	r/o compression fx; <i>(requires radiologist approval)</i>
L-Spine	non-traumatic; r/o disc herniation or radiculopathy
Routine Chest	lung CA screening; f/u nodules
CT KUB (for renal colic)	r/o stones

Patients presenting at the DIOC that do not meet these criteria, or whose request is for a combined or multi-area scan will be redirected through the normal booking process.

For more information on practice guidelines and appropriateness criteria, please visit:

- Canadian Association of Radiologists
car.ca/patient-care/practice-guidelines
- American College of Radiology
acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria

Patient Information Sheet

A patient information sheet should be handed out to all CT scan patients directed to Misericordia. A .pdf file, which can be printed and/or added to an EMR, is available to download at misericordia.mb.ca/diagnostic-imaging. Alternatively, please call 204-788-8362 to have printed copies delivered.