

**Cardiovascular Medicine P.C.**  
**CT SCAN OF THE CORONARY ARTERIES**  
**Patient Preparation Instructions**

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This test is performed to provide information about the blood vessels in the heart. You will receive an injection of a contrast dye while images of your heart are taken in a CT scanner. It will help your doctor determine if there are significant blockages in the vessels that supply blood to your heart.

**If you need to reschedule your test please call 24 hours in advance.**

**Failure to carefully follow these directions may require the test to be rescheduled.  
Please read them carefully!**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Please do not eat **4 hours** prior to your test. You are encouraged to drink extra fluids during the 24 hours before and after this test. Do not consume any caffeine, nicotine, or alcohol on the day of your test.
2. Please tell the staff if you have an **allergy to contrast dye, iodine, shellfish, or other seafood**. If you are allergic to any of these you will need to take some medications prior to receiving the contrast dye for this test.
3. You may be asked to take a medication called a beta-blocker prior to your test.
4. If you are a diabetic and take the medication Metformin, please do not take this medication for **24 hours before and after** this test.
5. If you take any medications for erectile dysfunction (Viagra, Cialis, or Levitra), please do not take these medications for **48 hours before and after** this test.
6. Women 50 years of age and younger will need to have a pregnancy test (blood test) within 7 days of your appointment date. This is still required if you have had a tubal ligation, but is not necessary if you have had a hysterectomy.
7. You will need to have a blood test that evaluates the function of your kidneys prior to having this test.
8. You should take all of your other medications before and after the test unless instructed otherwise.
9. Please allow 1 ½ to 2 hours for this test.