

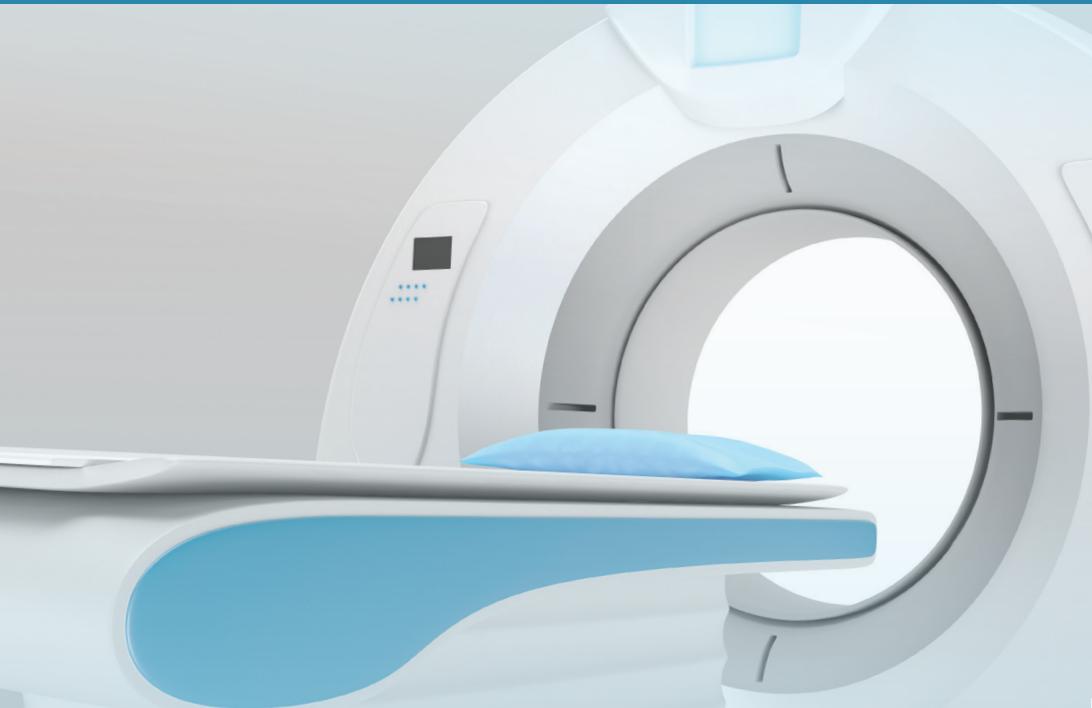
What You Should Know About Your Upcoming Procedure:

CAT SCAN (CT)

ABDOMEN / PELVIS WITH CONTRAST



From Your Friends At



What is a CAT Scan?

CAT stands for: Computerized Axial Tomography.

A CAT scan can give clear pictures of bones as well as of soft tissues which an ordinary X-ray test cannot show. You would have a CAT scan to see such things as muscles, organs, large blood vessels and nerves.

What is a CAT Scan “with Contrast”?

“Contrast” in the case of “CAT Scan With Contrast” describes the iodine based dye (contrast agent) injected into a vein in the arm during the CAT scan procedure. The kidneys later excrete this substance from the body.

Contrast agents are NOT dyes that will permanently discolor or effect internal organs. Rather, contrast agents temporarily change the way X-rays and imaging tools “see” the body, adding “contrast” to certain areas of the body.

Injecting the contrast agent before your CAT scan procedure improves the visibility of organs, blood vessels and tissues and may help physicians establish a medical diagnosis.



What Does A CAT Scan Machine Look Like and How Does It Work?

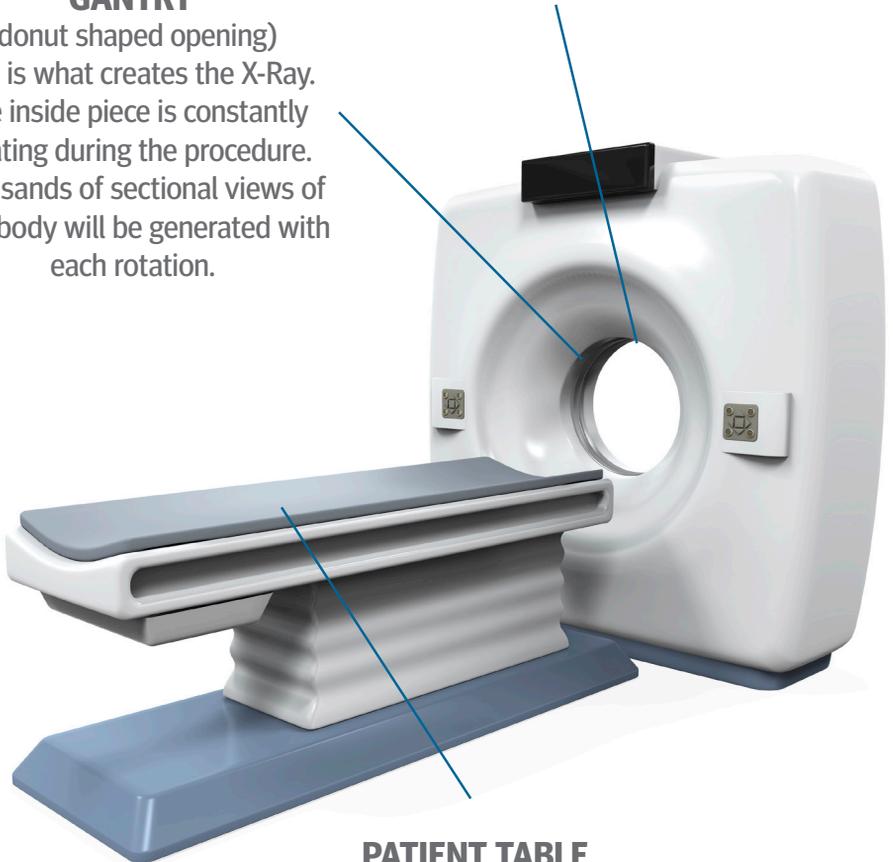
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(donut shaped opening)

This is what creates the X-Ray. The inside piece is constantly rotating during the procedure. Thousands of sectional views of your body will be generated with each rotation.

SPEAKER

Allows the technologist to communicate with you at all times.



PATIENT TABLE

(bed or stretcher)

You will lie on top of the table during the procedure. The table moves up and down as well as forward and back. This table is moved through the CT opening during the examination.

I'm Ready to Schedule My Appointment.

How Do I Set Up My CAT Scan?



1:

Call your insurance company to ensure your scan is covered by your insurance plan before scheduling.



2:

Call our KSB Central Scheduling
815-284-5700
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Many of our CT tests require preauthorization from your insurance company before the test is performed. Therefore, our KSB Insurance Specialist will insure that is taken care of for you.

With that being said, we encourage you to call your insurance company to ensure your scan is covered by your insurance plan before scheduling.

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling or insurance process please call Central Scheduling: 815-284-5700.

Where Do I Park?



KSB Hospital 403 East First Street Dixon, IL 61021

- Use the hospital's free Valet Service by using Door 3, which is located in the circle drive under the 2nd awning.
- If you are parking on your own, the entrance to this lot is located off of 2nd Street. Enter the hospital at Door 4 Entrance of the Upper Parking Lot.

Where Do I Go?



★ Registration

- If using **Door 3, KSB Valet**: Upon Entry, proceed straight ahead. Enter through the double doors and the registration desk will be on your left.
- If using **Door 4 Entrance**: Upon entry, turn to the left. Enter through the double doors and the registration desk will be on your left.

Please arrive 75 minutes prior to your appointment.

Are There Any Things I Should or Shouldn't Do Before My CAT Scan?

If you are age 60 or older, have high blood pressure, have a history of heart problems or have kidney problems or diabetes, you will be required to have had a Creatinine Lab Test (a blood draw) to check your kidney function.



Your provider will order a blood draw (if necessary) and getting it done at a clinic prior to the day of the exam would be preferred.



Do not eat or drink after midnight the night before your exam.



You may take medication(s) (with a small amount of water).



You should try to dress comfortably, but you may be asked to change into a medical gown.



Do not wear jewelry or metal.



Please bring along a Photo ID and your Insurance Card for the Registration process.



You can bring along a quiet activity to pass the time during the pre-scan process.



If you are allergic to X-ray contrast (dye) notify your ordering provider immediately.

If you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant, notify your ordering provider immediately.

What Happens After I Arrive Prior to My Exam?



Registration Will Take Approx. 15 Min.
Barium Drink Will Take Approx. 60 Min.

Arrive at Outpatient Testing Registration & Waiting Room and check in 75 minutes before your appointment.

You will be provided with a locker to secure your personal belongings such as cell phone, jewelry, purse, wallet, etc.

You may be asked to change.

You will be asked to complete a questionnaire regarding your medical history.

You will have to drink a barium product 3 times during the hour prior to your exam.

Barium Sulfate is an oral liquid drank before the scan and works by coating the inside of your esophagus, stomach, or intestines, which allows them to be seen more clearly. It can have different flavors, ours is vanilla. Common side effects may include: mild stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, loose stools or mild constipation.

What is Going To Happen During The Procedure?



This procedure lasts about 20 min

1. You will be brought into the CT Room to lie down on the table, which will then be raised up.
2. The technologist will establish an IV line in your arm and the table will be positioned into the Gantry with your arms raised above your head.
3. Initial images will be taken.



You will be given instructions to hold your breath at certain points for short periods.

4. The contrast will be administered through the IV line.



You may experience a metallic taste in your mouth or a warm sensation throughout your body, these sensations are normal.

5. Scanning will continue.
6. The IV will then be taken out (a bandage will be placed on your arm).
7. Final scans will be taken.
8. The table will be positioned out of the gantry and lowered and you will be taken back to the dressing room area, at which time you can use the restroom.

What Happens to My Exam Results?

The Radiologist will interpret your exam and produce a report which will be sent to your ordering provider.

If there are any critical findings, the Radiologist will call your ordering provider immediately.

You can expect to hear the results of your test from the ordering provider's office within a week.

You will be informed of your results whether there are critical findings or not, expect a call either way.

How Do I Get Images To My Outside Provider?

If you are referred to a provider outside of KSB, that provider may request the imaging that was done to be sent to him/her. In some cases, the provider can be sent the images electronically through the network. In other cases, the provider may ask that you bring a CD with the images.

If you need a CD of images created...

call KSB Health Info. Management Services Department: 815-285-5925
or call KSB Medical Imaging Department: 815-285-5597

These copies will be prepared for you to pick up in
the Outpatient Waiting Room desk at KSB,
Hours are Mon.-Fri., 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

You may also just stop in and they will arrange for the CD to be created while you are here, though calling ahead will insure that it is ready when you get here.

KSB Health Information Management Services Department is located at the Lovett Center in downtown Dixon

Who Do I Call at KSB If I Have A Question, Compliment or Concern?

Our Patient Advocate Team manager, Andrea Cook, is available to listen and assist you if you have any questions, compliments or concerns.

Call: 815-285-5525 hours are Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Email: acook@ksbhospital.com

You may also write to this address:

Patient Advocate Team Manager

KSB Lovett Center

101 W. First Street

Dixon, IL 61021

At KSB Hospital, we strive to provide the best patient experience possible. We prefer to resolve your concern immediately, so please feel free to call.

What is a Patient Satisfaction Survey?

After your exam, you may be asked to help us maintain our high standards of care through our Patient Satisfaction Survey. Patient Satisfaction Surveys are administered via email or text by our partner, Press Ganey.

We ask that you please provide honest feedback, as all surveys are anonymous.

Your responses will assist us in understanding how we can better serve you.

How Does Billing Work?

The process and time frame of receiving a bill for services depends upon your insurance coverage and your insurance carrier. You will not receive a bill until the primary insurance company has processed the KSB claim for the services provided. At that point, you may receive a bill from KSB for your responsibility of the bill. As a general rule, you can expect a bill from KSB within the time frames listed below. However, each patient bill is unique and may vary.

Medicare	60-90 days after date of service
Medicaid	3 -6 months after date of service
Commercial Insurance	60-90 days after date of service
Self-Pay	30 days after date of service

Patient Advocate representatives are available to assist you with any billing questions.

You may give them a call at (815) 285-4YOU (4968)

They are also available in person on the 1st floor of the Lovett Center located at 101 West 1st Street, Dixon, IL 61021.

Available Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Bill Payments

Payments can be made online at www.ksbhospital.com/pay-my-bill



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