A plain CT examination of the urinary tract due to pain in the flank

You have received a request for a CT examination. The treating unit will inform you of the time and place of the examination.

Duration of the examination is approximately 10 minutes. The radiology department also examines emergency patients, which may cause changes to the schedule. Please reserve 60 minutes for the examination.

Preparation for examination

Continue to take any medication prescribed by your doctor.

Having a full bladder suffices as preliminary preparation.

If you are a peritoneal dialysis patient, please empty the dialysis fluid from the abdominal cavity for the duration of the scan.

If you are / suspect you might be pregnant, please inform of this to the treating doctor or radiographer before the procedure.

Examination

X-ray computed tomography (CT) forms cross-sectional images of the targeted area using x-rays. The procedure is painless. During the examination, you need to lie still as motion causes image distortion. The radiographer will be able to talk to you, hear and see you during the scan.

After the examination

Your treating doctor will inform you of the results of the examination. If you have not already been booked for an appointment or for a phone consultation, please contact the unit treating you in order to obtain the results.

Other things to note

Please take your health insurance card (Kela card) or identity card with you.

A separate fee will be charged for examinations which have not been cancelled.

These instructions are on the HUS website: www.hus-imaging.fi > Examinations > Computed Tomography