

# CT Scan

*Your doctor has recommended a CT scan at Tukwila Diagnostic Imaging. The following information will help to put your mind at ease and prepare you for your examination.*

## What is it?

Computed Tomography, (CT or "CAT" scan) combines X-ray technology and computers, allowing physicians the ability to view "slices" of internal anatomy without the need for surgery.

## Is it Safe?

CT is a safe and effective diagnostic procedure. CT technology has been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and more than 35 million scans are performed in this nation annually.

## Before Your CT Scan

- Please bring previous imaging study results (MRI, CT, x-rays) such as reports, films or CDs, if available.
- You may be asked to avoid food or liquids for one or more hours before the procedure.
- Pregnant women should avoid this procedure, particularly during the first trimester.
- Please inform your doctor beforehand if you have any allergies, especially an allergy to iodine-based products or shellfish.
- Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing.
- We will call you prior to your appointment to provide specific instructions.

## What to Expect

- The CT scanner looks like a large doughnut shaped device with a padded table attached to it.
- Depending on the exam a solution called "contrast" may be administered, usually with an IV, to help improve the accuracy of the procedure.
- You will be asked to minimize any body movement during the scan.
- You may hear a humming noise and notice a slight vibration or movement of the table.
- The entire procedure will take approximately 15-45 minutes.

## After Your CT Scan

- Your CT scan will be read by our team of expert radiologists
- A final report will be sent to your doctor, who can then discuss the results with you in detail.



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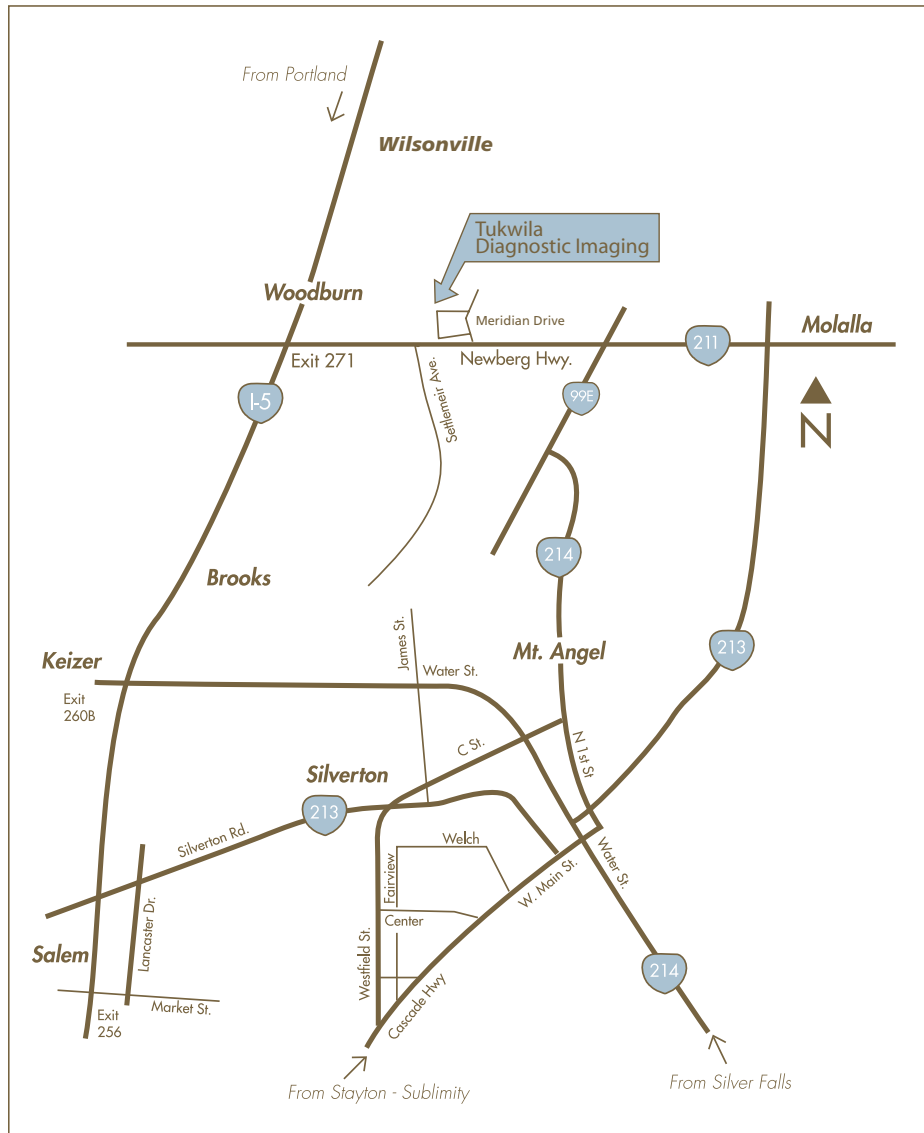
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