

PET/CT PATIENT APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST

Your doctor ordered PET/CT stress test. We will place an IV before starting the test.
The procedure will take about 30 minutes on the PET scanner table.

Can you lie flat on your back, with at least one arm up over your head, for 30 minutes?

Do you have any problems with your back, arms, legs that would prevent you from being able to complete the test?

We will provide pillows for under your knees, head and arms to make you as comfortable as possible.

Are you claustrophobic, have severe anxiety, or PTSD?

Your PET/CT exam will involve going headfirst into the CT scanner for approximately 2 minutes for the CT part of the test. Once this is complete, your body will move into the PET scanner for the remainder of the test. During the PET scan your head and arms will not be in the scanner. Your chest and body will remain in the scanner for 25 minutes. When your study is finished, your body will move back through both scanners feet first, until your body is completely out of the scanner.

Do you have problems with breathing, for any reason, when you lie flat? If so, are you able to lie flat on you back with a small pillow under your head for 35 minutes? Do you use oxygen to sleep?

If yes, please bring your oxygen with you.

If you use a wheelchair or scooter, can you bear weight on your legs?

You must be able to stand and turn to sit on the table. We can assist you, but we cannot lift you from a sitting position onto the table.

The weight limit for our PET/CT scanner table is 500 pounds.

DO NOT have any caffeinated or decaffeinated products for 24 hours prior to your test or your appointment will be cancelled. Caffeine counteracts the medicine we give you for the stress test.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the questions above please call **856-546-3006, ext. 2250.**

