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NAME: _____

DOCTOR: _____

You have been scheduled for the following at our Homewood Office:

CAT Scan of the Abdomen and Pelvis

DAY: _____ **DATE:** _____ **TIME:** _____ (a.m.) (p.m.)

Description of the CAT scan of the abdomen and pelvis: The CAT scan or computerized axial Tomogram is a special x-ray of the abdomen and pelvis (lower abdomen) using a very sophisticated computer with a rotating x-ray head. To help us see all the structures more clearly, a dye may be injected into one of your veins, and you may be asked to swallow a liquid containing barium before the procedure. We will get a good look at most of the abdominal and pelvic structures including the kidneys, liver, spleen, and lymph nodes surrounding the large abdominal vessels, bladder and rectum. In the female, the uterus is also seen. It is especially helpful to us for locating urinary stones, tumors and enlarged lymph nodes. The picture is actually generated on a computer so that the results are not always ready immediately like simple x-rays.

Possible risks of the CAT scan of the abdomen and pelvis: Because a dye is sometimes injected, the possibility of an allergic reaction may be present. A physician will be in attendance and will administer the proper therapy, if needed. You will be exposed to small amounts of radiation. **(Tell us before the procedure if you are pregnant.)**

Preparation for a CAT scan of the abdomen and pelvis: Liquids may be taken up to the time of the scan, but NO SOLID FOOD four (4) hours prior to the scan. Medications may be taken whenever necessary. You MAY be given barium to take home with you to drink before the exam. You MUST drink this barium two (2) hours before the test, A mild laxative might be needed to cleanse the barium out. (Milk of Magnesia is okay.)

If you are going to have a contrast CT Scan and you are on the following medications, these medications should not be resumed until at least 48 hours after the procedure. You may take the medication the day of the procedure.

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| -Metformin | -Avandamet | -Glumetza |
| -Riomet | -Fortamet | -Metaglip |
| -Actoplus Met | -Janumet | -Prandimet |
| -Glucovance | -Glucophage | |

Please contact us at 205-445-0130 for any additional questions.