

CT - Virtual Colonoscopy - Details

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Purpose of the Exam:

CT Virtual Colonoscopy (also known as CT Colonography) is a non-invasive imaging exam used to:

- Screen for colorectal cancer and polyps in the colon and rectum
- Assist in diagnosing conditions related to:
 - Abdominal pain
 - Changes in bowel movements
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Other digestive disorders

Why Choose Virtual Colonoscopy?

- Minimally invasive alternative to traditional colonoscopy
 - Faster procedure with no sedation required
 - Ideal for patients at average risk for colon cancer
 - Quick recover - patients can typically resume normal activities right after the exam
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How the Exam Works

1. The patient lies on a CT scanner table.
2. A thin tube is gently inserted into the rectum to inflate the colon with air or carbon dioxide for better visibility.
3. The CT scanner captures high-resolution 3D images of colon and rectum.
4. The scan itself takes just a few minutes.

Machine:

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