

### INFORMATION FOR CLINICIANS ORDERING CT SCANS

A Diagnostic Imaging Outpatient Centre (DIOC) for Computed Tomography (CT) is available at Misericordia Health Centre with extended hours and the ability to accommodate walk-in patients.

Please refer less-urgent and non-urgent outpatient CT scans to Misericordia Health Centre, rather than to acute-care sites with emergency departments.

#### DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING OUTPATIENT CENTRE

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Misericordia Health Centre

204-788-8266

Patients can be directed to the Diagnostic Imaging Outpatient Centre for the following **non-urgent** CT exams:

Unfused/Non-Contrast exams	Clinical indications appropriate for walk-in service
Head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brain</li> <li>• Facial Bones</li> </ul>	r/o hemorrhage or CVA  <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> This <b>does not</b> include patients who have sustained an acute trauma or injury.  Acute injuries should attend an ER or UC should immediate intervention or care be required.
Sinuses	r/o sinusitis
C-Spine	non-traumatic; r/o disc herniation or radiculopathy
T-Spine	r/o compression fx; <i>(requires radiologist approval)</i>
L-Spine	non-traumatic; r/o disc herniation or radiculopathy
Routine Chest	lung CA screening; f/u nodules
CT KUB (for renal colic)	r/o stones

**Patients presenting at the DIOC that do not meet these criteria, or whose request is for a combined or multi-area scan will be redirected through the normal booking process.**

For more information on practice guidelines and appropriateness criteria, please visit:

- Canadian Association of Radiologists  
[car.ca/patient-care/practice-guidelines](http://car.ca/patient-care/practice-guidelines)
- American College of Radiology  
[acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria](http://acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria)

### **Patient Information Sheet**

A patient information sheet should be handed out to all CT scan patients directed to Misericordia. A .pdf file, which can be printed and/or added to an EMR, is available to download at [misericordia.mb.ca/diagnostic-imaging](http://misericordia.mb.ca/diagnostic-imaging). Alternatively, please call 204-788-8362 to have printed copies delivered.