

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING OUTPATIENT CENTRE (DIOC) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY CLINICIANS

What if patients need an urgent CT scan during the night? Can they be sent to the DIOC?

No, the DIOC only performs CTAS non-urgent and less-urgent CT scans during opening hours:
8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday

If patients are given a requisition for a CT scan, they can just visit the DIOC on a walk-in basis?

Yes, for CT scans that meet the walk-in criteria below:

- Uninfused examinations
 - Brain
 - C-Spine
 - CT KUB – for Renal Colic
 - Facial Bones
 - L-Spine
 - Orbits
 - Orbits with Brain
 - Routine Chest
 - Sinuses
 - Orbits with Brain

Is there an option of getting CT coronary angiography studies performed?

No. Complicated studies which require preliminary blood work or patient preparation (e.g. fasting) are not eligible for walk-in service and will follow the existing process of scheduled appointments.

Can patients walk in to the DIOC and request diagnostic tests like a CT scan or an X-ray without a requisition?

No, patients need a requisition from a referring clinician for any diagnostic tests.

Do patients have to pay for walk-in service?

No, there is no fee for this service

Can I send patients to another hospital or health centre for a walk-in CT exam?

No, this service is only available at Misericordia Health Centre at this time.