

# Test Checklist

Your doctor wants you to have an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) or a CT (computed tomography) scan, or some other test that goes by some other name. But before you do, ask these questions.



1. What does this test measure?

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2. Why do I need it?

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3. What could happen if I don't have the test?

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4. Are there any test alternatives?

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5. Will my health insurance pay the total cost for this test? If not, how much will it cost?

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6. How accurate is the test?

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7. How is the test performed?

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8. What kind of pain or "discomfort" is involved?

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9. How should I prepare for the test?

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10. How will I feel after the test? (Can I return to work immediately, etc.?)

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11. When will I get the results?

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12. Which lab is processing the test, and why did you choose that one?

(Check to see if the lab is accredited by The Joint Commission at [www.jcaho.org](http://www.jcaho.org) or by the College of American Pathologists at [www.cap.org](http://www.cap.org).)

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13. After taking the test and getting the results, what's the next step?

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## Notes:

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