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A CT head scan takes pictures of your head and is sometimes called a CAT scan. Contrast dye is used to make things more visible on X-rays. This is what will happen when you need to get a CT Head Scan with dye inserted into your arm.

1	You go to the desk to tell them you have come	
2	You might have to sit and wait.	
3	You will be asked to take clips from your hair as well as jewellery such as necklaces. You will walk into the x-ray room.	
4	You will lie on a bed that has scanner at the end of it.	
5	The x-ray person will put a strap around your head to help you keep still.	
6	The bed and you will move into the scanner.	

7	The x-ray person will go into a room near you. They can still see and hear you.	
8	The scanner will start and you will hear noises.	
9	The scanner will move around you and take pictures. You will hear clicking sounds or humming.	
10	You will move a bit after each scan. You may not feel this.	
11	When the scan is finished you and the bed will come out of the scanner	
12	The x-ray person may then give you a small needle in the arm so x-ray dye can be given to you.	
13	Another set of x-rays will be taken – the same as before.	

14	The x-ray person will take the strap off your head	
15	You will get off the bed.	
16	You will walk out of the room and wait.	
17	The x-ray person will look at the pictures to make sure they are ok.	
18	You can then go home. You may be able to take the x-ray pictures with you or the x-ray person will send them to your doctor.	