

# CT Scans

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Gyro While helpful, an x-ray only gives us part of the story since it's a flat image taken from one angle. But what if you want to see something from the side? Or from the back? This is what a CT Scan lets us do.

Lana Short for "computed tomography," a CT scanner takes a whole lot of x-rays from different angles to create a three-dimensional image of your body.

Lana During a CT scan, you lay down on a table. Your job is to hold your body still. Sometimes patients can get "sleepy medicine" if they need help staying still.

Lana The table moves through a "tunnel" that sort of looks like a huge donut. You can just lay back and let the machine do all the work.

Lana And don't worry...the machine doesn't touch you. Here's what a CT scan looks like.