

APPOINTMENT DATE: _____

CHECK-IN TIME: _____

Preparing for Your PET/CT Visit

PET/CT (18F-Fluciclovine) Body Imaging (i.e., Axumin)

Your physician has ordered a PET/CT exam for you. A PET/CT exam is a powerful imaging tool that physicians can use to help make decisions and manage treatment for patients with cancer and other diagnoses. The team at PET/CT Imaging at the Swedish Cancer Institute is committed to providing superior service. You can rest assured that this facility will meet the highest level of patient safety standards and image quality.

Follow these instructions to prepare for your PET/CT exam. Proper preparation is the key to obtaining optimal PET/CT images.

72 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PET/CT EXAM

- Call the PET/CT coordinator if you have any questions
- If you are claustrophobic and need anti-anxiety medications for your exam, obtain a prescription from your physician. You will need to bring the medication with you to your exam. We are not able to provide the medication for you.

48 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PET/CT EXAM

- No exercise for 48 hours prior to your exam; examples include aerobics, jogging, cycling, weightlifting, treadmill, yard work, etc.
- Regular activities are okay. Physical therapy is okay.
- Stay well hydrated.

8 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PET/CT EXAM

- **Limit the amount of fluids you drink before your four-hour fasting period (maximum of 16 oz).**

4 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PET/CT EXAM

- **DO NOT eat or drink anything for the four hours prior to your exam.** This includes food, candy, gum, mints, coffee, tea, juice, water, flavored water, or vitamins/supplements. Be sure your last meal is finished four hours before your exam.
- You may take your medications, with a sip of water.

DAY OF YOUR PET/CT EXAM

- Arrive at PET/CT Imaging at Swedish Cancer Institute at your check-in time. This is important because your exam requires a time-sensitive injection that has been specifically ordered for you. If you are late, your appointment may have to be rescheduled.
- You may take your medications.
- Wear warm, loose-fitting clothes without metal (i.e., zippers, snaps, buttons, clasps, metal underwire).
- Leave all jewelry/watches at home.
- Family members and/or friends may accompany you to your appointment; however, they will be asked to wait in the lobby prior to the injection for your exam.
- You will be asked to empty your bladder when you are brought back to the department after check-in.
- A radiopharmaceutical will be administered through an IV (or port if you have one and have it accessed before your exam).
- You will need to lie flat on the PET/CT exam table for at least 20-30 minutes.
- Your appointment will last about 1 to 1½ hours.

AFTER YOUR PET/CT EXAM

- Drink plenty of fluids for the rest of the day.
- Resume your regular diet and activities.
- Your exam will be interpreted by a board-certified radiologist, and the results will be sent to your physician within 24-48 hours. Your physician will discuss the results with you.

(See reverse side for driving directions.)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-5 heading north

- Take exit 164A (Dearborn Street/James Street) toward Madison Street. Follow signs toward Madison Street.
- Turn right onto Madison Street.
- At the intersection of Madison Street and Summit Avenue, turn right into the circle drive for parking for Nordstrom Tower, Arnold Pavilion and the Swedish Cancer Institute.
- Take the sidewalk from the parking garage to the Arnold Pavilion/Swedish Cancer Institute.

From I-5 heading south:

- Take exit 166 (Stewart Street). Continue onto Stewart Street.
- Turn left onto Boren Avenue.
- Turn left onto Madison Street.
- At the intersection of Madison Street and Summit Avenue, turn right into the circle drive for parking for Nordstrom Tower, Arnold Pavilion and the Swedish Cancer Institute.
- Take the sidewalk from the parking garage to the Arnold Pavilion/Swedish Cancer Institute.



If you need to reschedule your PET/CT exam, call the PET/CT coordinator at least 24 hours before your exam.



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