

What you need to know about Heart and Lung Scans

Preparing for your procedure.



Your wellness is our priority.

St. Paul Radiology takes great pride by providing you with the best care and service experience in the East Metro area.

We want to ensure you a positive experience at one of St. Paul Radiology locations by offering information on Heart and Lung Scans.

A CT Heart Scan is a pain free, non-invasive procedure that requires less than ten minutes.

A CT Lung Scan is a sophisticated low radiation lung cancer screening exam utilizing a Multi-detector CT scanner to look for early lung cancer.

What is a Heart Scan?

According to the American Heart Association, coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the United States for both men and women. The Heart Scan is a CT scan of your heart that can help determine if you have coronary artery disease. The scan calculates the amount of calcium or plaque in your coronary arteries to obtain a "calcium score". A high score is associated with a high risk of heart attack

in the future. Knowing this future risk gives individuals the opportunity to take steps to prevent a heart attack.

Who should have a Heart Scan?

The Heart Scan is most appropriate for asymptomatic men and women between the ages of 40 and 65 who have no personal history of heart disease but who have one or more of the following risk factors:

- Family history of heart disease
- Smoking
- High cholesterol
- Overweight
- Diabetes
- Sedentary lifestyle

What is a Lung Scan?

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and lung cancer is most effectively treated when detected early. CT technology can detect early stage cancers allowing for better treatment. If a suspicious nodule is detected, further testing and follow-up may be necessary.

Who should have a Lung Scan?

The Lung Scan is most appropriate for asymptomatic people who have a long smoking history or significant exposure to second-hand smoke.

Should I have a Heart Scan or Lung Scan if I have symptoms?

No. If you have chest pain or productive cough, you should see your physician.

Are these scans painful?

No. The Heart Scan and Lung Scan are painless CT scans and the x-ray dose associated with these scans is low.

How long does the Heart Scan or Lung Scan last?

Although the scan lasts less than ten minutes, you should allow one hour for the entire process.

How do I receive my results?

A Board Certified Radiologist (a physician who specializes in interpreting diagnostic images) will review your results with you following your scan. You will be given a typed report, pertinent printed images and a CD of your scan. If needed, the radiologist will make recommendations and answer your questions.

Do I need a referral?

No. Although a referral is not required, patients are strongly encouraged to work closely with their primary care physician to formulate a complete preventative care plan.

Are these exams covered by insurance?

The Heart Scan and Lung Scan are considered preventative for asymptomatic people. As such, you should contact your insurance company prior to scheduling your scan to determine if it is covered. If the scan is not covered you may pay with cash, check or credit card at the time of your appointment. Many people are reimbursed through their flexible medical spending accounts. If further tests are needed, these costs are usually covered by insurance.



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Over 98% of patients surveyed say their experience with us was like a walk in the park.

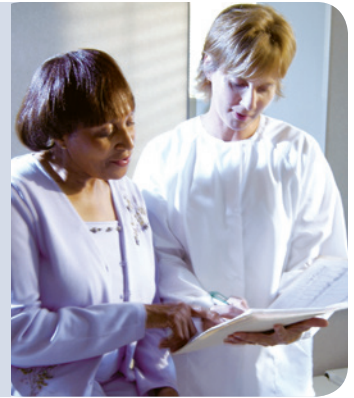
More than 98% patients surveyed said they were satisfied with their experience at St. Paul Radiology. We understand their concerns and make them a priority.

See what they have to say and let us know about your experience at:

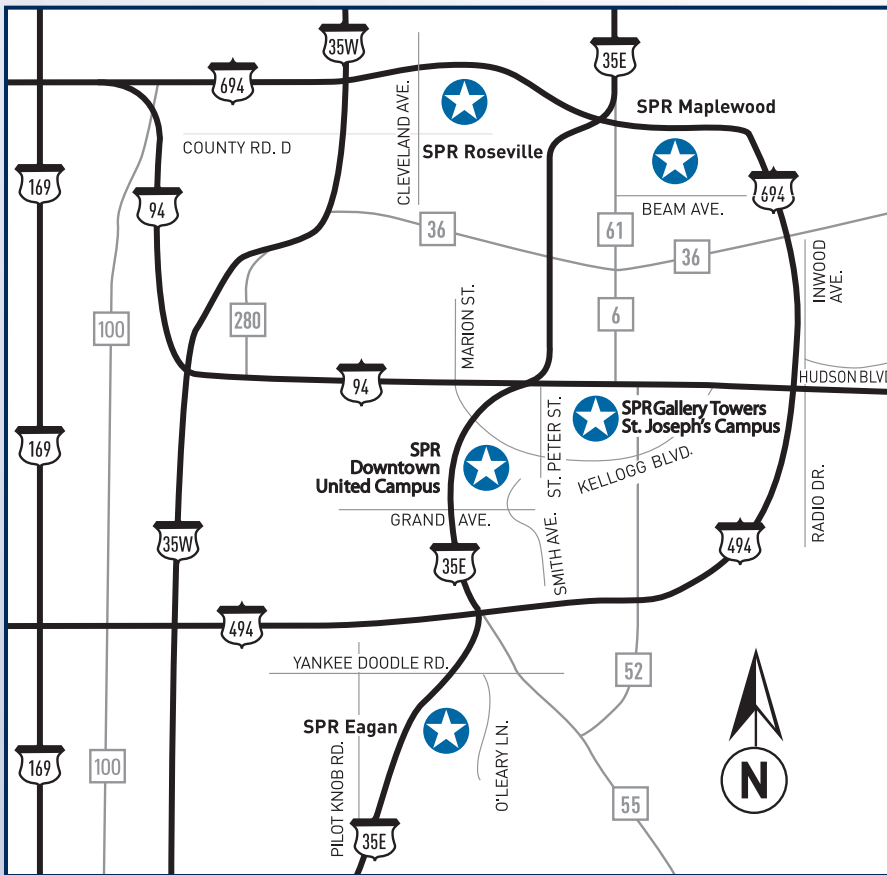
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If you have additional questions, please contact the St. Paul Radiology scheduling department at

651.632.5700.



Five East Metro area outpatient imaging centers for your convenience.



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651.726.6500

EAGAN

1185 Town Centre Dr. Ste. #125
651.454.8660

DOWNTOWN

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MAPLEWOOD

1723A Beam St.
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ROSEVILLE

3130 Cleveland Ave. N
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