



## PET Scheduling Questions - UMHS Radiology

These questions are asked by Radiology Call Center staff when someone calls to schedule a PET exam. They help us determine where/when to best schedule the exam, and if patient preparation is required. We hope that you are better prepared when you call, so that we can expedite your call.

- 1. Is the patient diabetic?**
  - If yes, and the glucose level is elevated (over 200) or if patient is taking medications, this can impact the PET scan and requires the core staff to evaluate
- 2. Does the patient have a history of melanoma, multiple myeloma or sarcoma?**
  - If yes, will be documented as this requires a longer PET exam slot (1 hour, 20 minutes).
- 3. Is General Anesthesia or a mild sedative required?**
  - If yes, and the patient requires general anesthesia, please contact 6-8521 (for adults) or 5-5841 (for pediatrics) to schedule with the anesthesiology
- 4. Is the patient allergic to iodinated contrast agent, otherwise known as x-ray dye?**
  - If yes, **the** patient may require prescription for a steroid prep (to be written by ordering physician) if receiving contrast.
- 5. Has the patient experienced a severe allergic reaction to two or more classes of drugs/substances** (defined as diffuse body swelling, severe respiratory compromise, cardiac arrest, anaphylactic shock, intubation, or other severe problem)? Document allergy type and symptoms.
  - If yes, the patient may require a steroid prep prescription (to be written by ordering physician) if the PET-CT examination requires intravenous contrast
  - Please note, nausea and vomiting are not considered a contrast allergy and do not require a patient prep
  - Note: the Radiology Call Center staff maintain a list of protocols that are usually performed without contrast as a reference
- 6. What is the patient's weight?**
  - Documented for dose calculation