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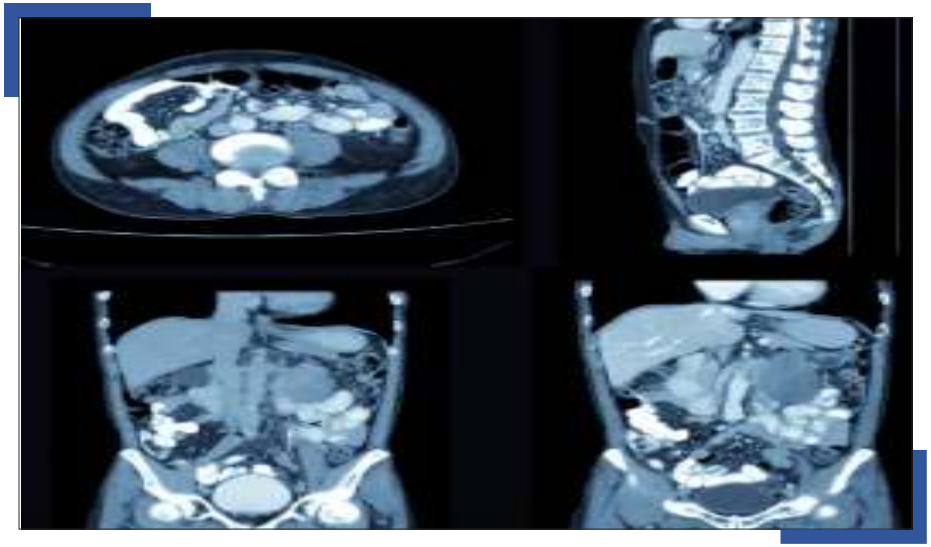
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# Understanding
## CECT Triple Phase Upper/Lower Abdomen



## What is CECT Triple Phase Upper/Lower Abdomen?

A special substance called Iodine will be used in a contrast-enhanced computed tomography scan (CECT Triple Phase Abdomen), which will help to see the inner details of the abdomen. This test will give information regarding blood supply and tissue properties of the upper/lower abdomen. Images will be captured at three different levels of contrast.

## Why is it Performed?

This can be requested for information on any suspected masses/tumours, liver/kidney problems, vascular challenges, and other problems that may occur in the abdominal area. Triple phase will enable your doctor to help determine the amount of the contrast agent that the area of abnormality is absorbing. This can help with diagnosing and characterising lesions.

## Preparation

- Inform the imaging team if you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- Report any kidney disease, thyroid condition, allergies, or previous reactions to contrast agents.
- Share details of your current medicines and relevant medical history.
- Carry previous scans and medical reports, if available.

## Procedure

You will have to lie down on the scanning table and will receive contrast (usually iodine) through a vein. Images of your abdomen (as requested) will be taken whilst going through three phases of contrast. You may feel a warm feeling or metallic taste; this will only last a short period of time. The need to keep still as much as possible for good-quality images is crucial.

## Important Instructions

- Inform the staff if you feel uncomfortable during the scan or contrast injection.
- Do not stop prescribed medicines unless advised by your doctor.
- Inform the team if you have previously experienced a reaction to contrast agents.

## Safety Precautions

This scan involves an X-ray and contrast media which contain iodine. Please let us know if you are pregnant, suffer from any kidney or thyroid issues, or have had any reaction in the past. We will take into consideration any additional risks.

## When to Seek Medical Attention?

If you have any continuing pain, swelling, or gastrointestinal or urinary symptoms, please speak to your healthcare providers. If you have any breathing difficulties or swelling of the face/throat after having the contrast media, please seek medical help. This scan is a specialist scan and must be interpreted by a suitably qualified specialist. Molecular Diagnostics and Therapy can help you and can provide information during your diagnostic process.