

UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER PATIENT EDUCATION

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY NERVE BLOCK



Your physician has referred you to the Diagnostic Services Department at United Hospital Center for a Nerve Block.

A Nerve Block is a procedure in which the CT machine guides the radiologist to the correct nerve to be injected with medication. A local anesthetic (numbing) is used to make the procedure tolerable.

Your physician feels the benefits of this procedure outweigh the risks and would aid in the treatment of your medical condition.

You will be asked to report to the hospital Registration department ½ hour prior to your scheduled exam. After registration, you will be directed to the Diagnostic Services Department.

The day of the procedure you may eat and take your medications (except blood thinners) as usual, unless your doctor tells you otherwise. You must bring a friend or family member to transport you home.

After the procedure, you may experience numbness in the leg that is on the same side the procedure was performed. You must use caution when standing or walking for approximately 8 hours after the procedure. You should rest the remainder of the day after the procedure. You may resume normal activities the following day.

Length: 1 hour

If you are pregnant, or think you might be, tell your doctor and the technologist BEFORE the exam.

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