

FAQ—Frequently Asked Questions

- **Where is Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging?**
 - Our physical address is 9440 Bellaire Blvd. Suite #100. We are located between Ranchester Dr. and Corporate Dr. in the Le Ho Village strip center.
- **Will Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging accept my insurance?**
 - Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging accepts most insurance, to see if we take your insurance call our facility.
- **Is a referral needed at Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging?**
 - Some Insurance plans do not require a patient to obtain a referral from their primary care physician for certain procedures; however others do.
- **If I have an emergency, what should I do?**
 - In an emergency, you should call 911 or go to the emergency room for immediate care.
- **How long will I be at the clinic?**
 - At Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging we provide a variety of imaging services. The time required varies based on the exam your physician ordered for you. Our exams are as short as 45 seconds to as long as an hour.
- **What do I need to bring to my appointment?**
 - A current form of identification.
 - A current insurance card.
 - A list of current medications.
 - An insurance referral form (if needed).
 - Please notify us as early as possible if you are unable to keep your appointment.
- **What does “Non-invasive” mean?**
 - The body is not invaded or cut open as during surgery. Exploratory surgery was routinely performed on ill patients to determine the source of the illness. Now with diagnostic imaging, a diagnosis of illnesses can be identified quickly and painlessly.
- **I currently do not have medical insurance. Can I get a cash price quote on a procedure?**
 - Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging provides cash prices discounts to those individuals without insurance. Please contact our facility for price rates.

- Will I need a driver?
 - If you require sedation for your imaging procedure please contact your referring physician. Bellaire Diagnostic Imaging does not provide sedation. Please inform our staff when scheduling your exam if you will require sedation because the patient must complete all paperwork and have a driver present prior to ingesting sedation or the exam will not be completed.

- Is a Serum Creatinine level required for all types of diagnostic imaging studies?
 - A serum creatinine is only required for patients with pre-existing renal disease, diabetes and all patients over 60 years of age that are undergoing a diagnostic imaging study involving intravenous x-ray contrast media. These studies include CT (Computer Tomography) scans.

- Why is it required?
 - The Intravenous injection of x-ray contrast media may have a toxic effect. In most cases the contrast media produces no long term effects, however patients with marginal renal function; it can cause renal failure. Serum creatinine levels indicate renal function.

- What happens if the Serum Creatinine levels are too high?
 - This indicates that renal function is depressed and careful attention must be taken as to not incur additional burden to the kidneys.

- Is there anything else I need to know?
 - Consuming 2-4 cups of water following your intake of x-ray contrast media is recommended.