

My doctor found a spot on my lung on an x-ray and has asked me to have a C.A.T. Scan. What kind of test is this and what can I expect?

C.A.T. Scan (which stands for computer axial tomography) is a test to examine the inside of the body. The patient lies on a table that moves slowly through a special gantry, which houses x-ray detectors that rotate around the body. C.A.T. "slices" the body into multiple cross sectional images and much like slicing a loaf of bread; and looking at the face of each slice, the radiologist looks at each image to identify any internal abnormalities. The examination is fast; a few minutes to prepare the patient for IV dye and to perform the scan. The center where you have the examination will give you pre-test instructions to follow

Dr. Anthony Alcantara