

**CT SCAN/MRI PROTOCOLS FOR LABWORK**

In an effort to expedite and provide the highest quality of care and safety for your patient, Advanced Imaging Center follows the American College of radiology (ACR) protocol for lab requirements.

The protocol is as follows:

- Patients 55 years of age or greater are to have a recent creatinine serum **8 weeks** or less prior to the contrast injection for CT or MRI. If there has been significant interval change in the patient's condition, a more recent creatinine serum should be obtained.

A patient less than 55 years of age does not require labs, **UNLESS** the patient has one or more of the following:

- History of renal disease including dialysis, kidney transplant, single kidney, and kidney surgery
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Renal cancer
- History of Hypertension

The lab panels may be ordered as: Renal panel, Basic or Comprehensive metabolic panel, (CMP/BMP)

**Please provide reports of these lab studies that have been performed within 8 weeks of the patient's scheduled CT or MRI exam.**

***When scheduling patients, if the patient does not have recent labs, please obtain these prior to patient's exam date and send results promptly in order to expedite patient exam upon arrival.***

**We appreciate your business and special attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our CT/MRI department.**