PETCT IMAGING

What is PET/CT Imaging?

PET/CT imaging is a specialized imaging technique that combines Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and Computed Tomography (CT) scans. PET scans use small amounts of a radioactive substance (called a tracer) that is injected into the body. This substance attaches to certain cells and is detected by a PET scanner as it emits small particles called positrons. The CT scan provides detailed images of the body's anatomy. Together, these scans help doctors see how well a part of your body is functioning.

What does PET/CT Imaging show?

PET/CT imaging is used in a variety of medical situations. It can help in the diagnosis and staging of cancer, detecting recurrent cancers after treatment, and monitoring the progression of diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease and stroke. It can also be used in the evaluation of inflammation and infection, and in the assessment of blood flow and oxygenation in the brain.

How is PET/CT Imaging performed?

PET/CT imaging is performed in a medical facility by a licensed radiologist or a technologist who is trained to use the equipment. The patient is instructed to fast for a period of time before the scan, often around 6 hours. The patient then receives an injection of the radioactive tracer, which is absorbed into the body tissues. The PET scanner detects the radiation emitted by the tracer and creates a three-dimensional image of the body. The CT scan then provides a detailed anatomical image, which is combined with the PET image to create a comprehensive image of the body.

What are the advantages of PET/CT Imaging?

The main advantage of PET/CT imaging is its ability to provide detailed information about the body’s anatomy and function. It can detect areas of inflammation, infection, and disease that are not visible on other imaging modalities. PET/CT imaging can also help in the planning and monitoring of cancer therapy, by identifying areas of cancer recurrence or progression.

What are the risks of PET/CT Imaging?

The risks of PET/CT imaging are minimal. The radioactive tracer used in PET scans is broken down by the body and excreted, and is not retained in the body. The radiation exposure from the scan is also very low, and is much lower than the natural radiation exposure received from sources such as the sun or cosmic rays.

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PET CT

PET CT (Position Emission Tomography Computed Tomography) is a medical imaging technique used to visualize the body's metabolic processes.

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PET CT is a diagnostic imaging test that uses a special camera to create detailed images of the body's function. It combines the functional information of PET (positron emission tomography) with the anatomical detail of CT (computed tomography).

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PET CT is performed by injecting a radioactive tracer into the body, which accumulates in areas of high metabolic activity. These areas are then imaged using the PET and CT components of the machine.

What are the uses of PET CT?

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