Having a CT scan with sedation

You are coming to hospital for a CT scan. A CT scan makes pictures of inside your body. This helps the doctors work out how to look after you.

You will have sedation (said: sed-ay-shun) for the scan. This means you will fall asleep just like at night time.

You may need to wear special hospital clothes.

We will give you the medicine to make you sleepy to drink or as a squirt up your nose. This does not hurt.

When you are sleepy, we will put a cannula (said: cann-you-la) in your hand. We will give you an injection (said: inn-jeck-shun) through the cannula. This shows up as a different colour on the scan.
Next you will have the scan. This could last about 5 minutes.

After the scan, you will start to wake up from the sedation. The nurses will check you regularly to make sure you are getting better.

They will give you something to eat and drink to make sure you are not sick. You can then go home.

After this, you can go home if you are not having any other scans or appointments.

Please ask us if you have any questions.