

Outpatient CT Referral Partner Guide

Fast. Focused. Collaborative.

Why Refer for Outpatient CT

- Rapid access to advanced CT imaging
- Easy access outpatient appointment at our Dublin facility
- Fixed up-front cost
- Get the timely diagnostics you need - but you keep the case!

Appropriate Cases

- Neurologic disease (e.g. seizures, vestibular disease, IVDD), nasal disease and chronic upper airway concerns
- Head and neck masses
- Thoracic imaging for non-critical patients
- Abdominal imaging for non-critical patients
- Musculoskeletal conditions requiring cross-sectional imaging

Patients must be stable for sedation/anesthesia and outpatient recovery

What to Expect

- Scheduled outpatient appointment
- Sedation/anesthesia with dedicated monitoring and support
- High-resolution CT imaging
- Interpretation by a board-certified IDEXX radiologist within 48 hours

How to Refer

- Complete the CT Referral Form through rVetLink Portal
- Submit relevant medical records and prior diagnostics. Bloodwork must be completed within 30 days of the appointment.
- Our team will coordinate scheduling and pre-procedure requirements

Communication and Collaboration

- Prompt sharing of radiology reports
- Referring veterinarian retains primary case management
- Assisted referral to specialty or higher-acuity services if indicated

Important considerations

Referring veterinarian responsible for:

- Selecting appropriate anatomic site(s) and contrast vs non-contrast requests

Client financially responsible for:

- Re-imaging due to incorrect site or contrast selection

Safety clause:

- Patients deemed unstable for outpatient imaging are sent back to you for specialty referral

Please call 614-889-8070 or email CVM-VMCDublinClientServices@osu.edu for more information.

VMC–Dublin Outpatient CT Pricing

Outpatient CT pricing includes sedation/anesthesia, CT imaging, CT interpretation by an IDEXX radiologist, and report transfer to the referring DVM for continued patient care.

CT Study *without* Contrast

CT Study Type	Price
Single-study CT	\$650
Two-study CT	\$700
Three-study CT	\$750
Four-study CT	\$800
Whole-body CT (>4 studies)	\$900

CT Study *with* Contrast

CT Study Type	Price
Single-study CT	\$950
Two-study CT	\$1,050
Three-study CT	\$1,150
Four-study CT	\$1,250
Whole-body CT (>4 studies)	\$1,350

Important Notes and Disclaimers

Outpatient CT is not appropriate for emergency cases, unstable patients or those with multiple co-morbidities.

Outpatient CT imaging will be performed strictly according to the study details requested by the referring veterinarian. If an incorrect anatomic area is selected or contrast use is requested inappropriately, any repeat imaging required will be the responsibility of the client.

The discharge summary will be emailed within 24 hours and the radiology interpretation will be emailed within 24-48 hours.

Clients will be directed back to the referral partner for all follow up communication and treatment plans.

Please review supporting information:

- Telemedicine Study Definitions document to guide appropriate selection of anatomic areas, page 2.
- Contrast Selection Guide below, for guidance in determining when to request contrast.

CT Contrast Selection Guide

Important Responsibility Statement

The decision to perform CT imaging with or without contrast rests solely with the referring veterinarian. Outpatient CT studies will be performed exactly as requested on the referral form. The imaging clinician will not modify the requested study at the time of imaging.

CT *WITHOUT* Contrast:

Non-contrast CT is most appropriate when the primary diagnostic goal is evaluation of bone or mineralized structures:

- Elbow and shoulder musculoskeletal studies looking for juvenile joint diseases (osteochondrosis, fragmented coronoid process, etc.)

CT *WITH* Contrast:

It is recommended to use contrast for any CT imaging that does not fit the criteria outlined for studies without contrast.

Financial and Workflow Disclaimer

If an incorrect anatomic region is selected or contrast is requested or omitted inappropriately, repeat imaging may be recommended by the Radiologist. Any additional imaging costs incurred as a result will be the responsibility of the client.

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CT/MRI Study Definitions

A cross-sectional case submission may contain several studies performed on the same date.

Previously performed studies not interpreted by IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants will be charged separately.

IMPORTANT: Extra anatomical regions caused by an enlarged field of view (FOV) will incur additional charges.

IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants

One-study submission

- + **Head** (extends through cranial aspect of C2)
- + **Thorax** (extends C5-L2)
- + **Abdomen** (extends caudal aspect of the carina through the rectum)
- + **One level Spine - collimated to the spine**
 - Cervical (base of skull to T2)
 - Thoracic (C6-L2)
 - Lumbar (T12-cranial sacrum)
 - Cervicothoracic (C3-T6)
 - Thoracolumbar (T6-L4)
- + **Pelvis** (Iliac wings to caudal ischia)
- + **Shoulders** (caudal scapula to mid humeral diaphysis) (part of the cervical spine will be included)
- + **Stifles or Elbows:** (mid femurs or humeri to mid tibia/fibula or radius/ulna) **Should NOT include c-spine, head, pelvis**
- + **Carpi or tarsi** (including distal skeletal structures) (mid tibia/fibula or radius/ulna through the digits)

Two-study submission

- + Any two one-study submission

Four-study submission

- + Any four one-study submission

Any three one-study submission

- + Ex: Head, neck, thorax
- Ex: Pelvic Limbs- pelvis, stifles, tarsi through digits
- Ex: Thoracic Limbs- shoulders, elbows, carpi through digits (excludes the head)

Whole body submission

- + Whole body submission or anything greater than **FOUR** study submission.

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