PREP/SPECIAL NOTES:
1. Nothing to eat or drink 2 hrs. prior to the exam. If the patient feels it is necessary to have something due to medical reasons (ex. diabetes, medicines, etc.), it is fine to have something small to eat and/or drink. Eating and/or drinking will not interfere with the study, but it is advisable to fast in case I.V. contrast is given and on a full stomach, patients can sometimes get nauseated.
2. Bring previous studies and reports of any imaging pertaining to current symptoms, if done elsewhere. Please notify LVKCI if you are unable to obtain these.
3. Bring any recent lab results or ask your physician to fax to our office – 913-334-3121.
4. **If a patient has an allergy to I.V. contrast, this needs to be noted and it would be very helpful to know how severe the allergic reaction was.** If the patient only had a mild case of hives, the patient can usually be pre-medicated (ordered by the referring physician) and can still have I.V. contrast.
5. The weight limit for CT is 450 lbs. Please check with the technologist if the patient is close to this weight. This causes a "cradle slip" on the table, causing the table not to move. It's very unfortunate to have a patient prepared for their exam and not be able to do them for this reason.

EXPLANATION OF EXAM:
1. This is an x-ray exam that provides a more detailed look at the soft tissues/organs of the neck. It actually takes "sections" of the anatomy from the top of the ear through the top of the breast bone. When "neck" is ordered, this refers to the soft tissues (vocal cords, lymph nodes, neck glands, etc.) and normally, not the bony part of the neck.
2. The I.V. contrast is Iodine-based and may cause some sensations, including: funny taste in the mouth and a "hot flash" sensation. These normally only last about 10-15 seconds and will pass rather quickly. There is normally no need to have a driver. If the patient has had a previous reaction, please note as stated above in "Prep/Special Notes".