



PATIENT INFORMATION

G.I. Bleed Scans

Please do not eat for 6 hours before your appointment time

A G.I. (Gastro-Intestinal) Bleed scan will look at the function of your intestines, to see if there is any bleeding.

You will be given 2 injections that will enable us to take an image of the blood flow in your abdomen. You will be given a small amount of liquid into a vein in your arm. This will allow your blood cells to take up the small amount of a special liquid called a radioactive tracer, which will also be injected into your arm, 20 minutes later. This enables us to obtain images of your abdomen when we scan you. You will be asked to lie on an imaging table where pictures are taken for about 1 hour. We may need to take extra pictures later in the day if requested by the consultant. The technologist / radiographer will let you know at the time of your examination whether additional images are needed.

Important Instructions

- **Do not eat or drink anything for 6 hours prior to your appointment**
- Please wear loose and comfortable clothing, preferably with no metal buttons or buckles.

You can expect to be in the department for approximately 1 to 2 hours.

Other points

- It is unlikely that you will have any side effects from these injections.
- You will be asked to drink plenty of fluids for a few hours after the examination. You can return to your normal diet
- As you will be given a radioactive injection please avoid **close prolonged contact** with pregnant women or children for 48 hours.

If you wish to discuss this test or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Nuclear Medicine Department on 01803 655640