



PATIENT INFORMATION

HIDA Scans

Please do not eat or drink for 6 hours before your appointment time

A HIDA scan will look at the function of your gall bladder to see how it fills and empties.

A special liquid called a radioactive tracer will be injected into a vein in your arm. This enables us to obtain images of your gall bladder when we scan you. Images are taken immediately following your injection for 90 minutes. 45 minutes into the scan, you will be given some full fat milk to drink. The scan will continue until the full 90 minutes has been reached.

Important Instructions

- **Do not eat or drink 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 about 2 hours.

Other points

- It is unlikely that you will have any side effects from this injection.
- 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 following your injection.

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