

Patient Information about

Lymph Node Scans

A Lymph Node scan will look at the drainage of the lymph vessels in either your legs, or your arms. A radiographer will put some cream on your feet or hand to numb the area. This takes 1 hour. Then a Radiologist injects a special liquid called a radioactive tracer. This enables us to obtain good images of the lymphatic drainage in the area concerned, when we scan you. You will be taken into the scanning room and you will be asked to lie on an imaging table where pictures will be taken over a period of about 2 hours.

Important Instructions

- Please take all your prescribed medication as normal.
- Please wear loose and comfortable clothing, preferably with no metal buttons or buckles.
- You are able to eat and drink normally.

You can expect to be in the department for about 3 hours. However sometimes delays are unavoidable and we run late occasionally. We will keep you informed of any delays.

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.
- Please be reassured that the scan will not involve you having to go into a tunnel-like piece of equipment.

**If you wish to discuss this test or have any queries, please do not
hesitate to contact the Nuclear Medicine Department
on 01803 655630**