



## ***PATIENT INFORMATION***

### **Meckels Scans**

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

A Meckels scan will look at the function of your intestines, to see if there is something known as a Meckels diverticulum present.

A special liquid called a radioactive tracer will be injected into a vein in your arm. This enables us to obtain images of your abdomen when we scan you. You will be scanned immediately after the injection. Images of your abdomen will be taken for about an hour. After this time, the doctor will check your images to see if they require anything further. The technologist / radiographer will inform you of this at the time.

#### **Important Instructions**

- **Do not have anything to 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 1 hour.

#### **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 after 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**