



## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

### **Octreotide Scan**

**If you are on Octreotide therapy please contact us  
as soon as you receive this appointment**

An octreotide scan is used to image the function of specific areas in the body where there are endocrine organs.

A special liquid called a radioactive tracer will be injected into a vein in your arm. This enables us to obtain images of these areas when we scan you. During your scan we will ask you to lie on an imaging table, and a series of images will be taken. Each set of images takes varying amounts of time. The technologist / radiographer will discuss with you what the examination involves at the time of your injection.

#### **Important Instructions**

- Please drink at least a pint of fluid an hour before your appointment.
- Please take all your prescribed medication as normal.
- Please wear loose and comfortable clothing, preferably with no metal buttons or buckles.
- You can eat and drink normally.
- **You will have to attend on 2 separate days for this examination**

You can expect to be in the department for 15 to 30 minutes for the first part of your examination, when a radioactive tracer is injected into your arm. You will be asked to return 4 hours later to be scanned. For your 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment you will be in the department for about 2 hours.

#### **Other points**

- It is unlikely that you will have any side effects from this injection.
- We may give you a natural laxative to take during the period of your appointments to ensure that any of the tracer in your bowel is excreted.
- We will ask you to drink plenty of fluids during the days when you are to attend the department.
- As you will be given a radioactive injection we will advise you to avoid **close prolonged contact** with pregnant women or children for 4 days.

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