



## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

### **Parathyroid Scan**

Parathyroid scans are used to look at the function and position of the parathyroid glands. These are very tiny glands that are positioned in the neck.

A special liquid called a radioactive tracer will be injected into a vein in your arm. This enables us to obtain images of your parathyroid glands. A series of images over the next 2 hours will be taken. A 10 minute image will be taken 10 minutes after your injection. You will then be given a time to return for a further scan which takes approximately 45 minutes.

#### **Important Instructions**

- Please drink at least a pint of fluid one hour before your appointment if possible.
- 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 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.
- We will ask you to drink plenty of fluids for 24 hours after your injection.
- As you will be receiving a slightly radioactive injection, we advise that you 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**