



## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

### **Thyroid Scan**

Thyroid scans are used to look at the function of the thyroid gland.

A special liquid called a radioactive tracer will be injected into a vein in your arm. This enables us to obtain images of your thyroid gland when we scan you. 20 minutes after your injection, we will ask you to lie on an imaging bed where 2 pictures will be taken. This will take a maximum of 20 minutes.

#### **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 can expect to be in the department for up to 45 minutes.

#### **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.

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