

Information for patients undergoing a Nuclear Medicine Scan

Patient Name

Examination

Preparation

Scan Date and Time



Why am I having the scan?

Your doctor has asked for you to have a Nuclear Medicine scan. This looks at how specific parts of your body are functioning.

What is involved?

In order to scan you, we will give you an injection of a slightly radioactive substance. There are no side effects to this injection.

Following this injection, you will be told a time that you will return for your scan (this time depends on what examination you are having).

During the scan, you may remain fully clothed and you will be asked to lie down on our imaging bed which will then position you under the camera. We will inform you of how long the scan will take. A member of staff will be in the room with you at all times during your scan.

Following the scan you will return to your ward and the results will be available to your doctor on the ward.

Are there any special precautions?

You will be given a yellow wristband to wear for 48 hours. This is to indicate to any nursing or medical staff that you have had a radioactive injection. This is to help them take special precautions when taking blood or urine samples from you. **This wristband must stay on for 48 hours, even if you are sent home.**

As you will be given a radioactive injection, we recommend you restrict any **close, prolonged contact** with pregnant women or children for the 48 hours following your injection.

You can eat and drink as normal after your examination and continue with all medication.