



HIDA SCAN

NUCLEAR MEDICINE HEPATIC FUNCTION EXAM

You have been scheduled for a hepatic function test. This test is done to assess biliary duct and gallbladder function.

Instructions

1. Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the evening before the exam. Small amounts of water only, are allowed.
2. When you arrive for your scan you will be asked to lie on a very narrow table. The technologist will inject a small amount of radioactive material into a vein in your arm. Your liver and biliary ducts will then be scanned. Scan time is 60-120 minutes.

If you are scheduled for a kinetics test along with a Hida Scan, you will be given a medication into your vein. This medication is a hormone that will cause your gallbladder to contract. This type of exam is useful in diagnosing gallbladder disease. The medication can sometimes cause slight stomach cramps as well as nausea. Both of these symptoms should go away within a few minutes. The kinetics portion of the exam requires an additional 30 minutes.

Exam date: _____

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