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Hepatobiliary (Gallbladder) scan

How long will the whole scan take?

The scan takes approx 2 hrs

Patient Preparation

You must be fasting for this test so **nothing** to eat or drink other than water for 4-6hrs prior to the test
If you have any films or other test results related to the scan please bring them with you

If there is any chance you could be pregnant or are breast feeding please inform the staff when making the booking

NOTE If you are a Diabetic patient you need special preparation please call the friendly staff for your instructions

What will happen?

When you arrive you will be interviewed and given information related to your scan.

You will then need to empty your bladder as you will need to lie very still on the bed for approx 1 ½ hrs for this scan .

You will be given a small injection of tracer into a vein - usually in your arm.

The injection will not have any effect on you but will let us take images of your gallbladder

Depending on how the scan is progressing you may be given a special medication after 60 mins have passed to help determine how well your gallbladder is working.

Following this you will need to stay still and have images taken for the next 30 minutes

Results

Your results will be made available to you after the Nuclear Medicine Doctor has reviewed your scan and reported on the images. This will be available on the same day as your scan.

After the Scan

You can carry on with normal activity after the scan you will not notice any after effects from the scan.

Questions

If you have any further questions please ask our friendly staff when making your appointment