NUCLEAR MEDICINE
LACRIMAL (TEAR-DUCT) SCAN

Your doctor has asked that you have a Nuclear Medicine Lacrimal Scan.

You will be given two drops into each eye. The drops contain a very small amount of radiotracer in saline. The radiotracer will enable a gamma camera to follow the passage of the drops through your tear ducts. There are no side effects to the drops and they will not interfere with your vision. The drops do not sting, and you will be able to drive home after the study.

Once the drops have been administered you will be asked to sit upright in a chair, with your face towards a camera. Your nose will come in contact with the camera. It is very important that you remain still during the scanning. The scanning procedure usually takes about 15 minutes. The scanning is painless. You will be able to open and close your eyes as necessary without affecting the scanning.

An additional image may be taken for approximately 2 minutes after you have blown your nose.

This study is not suitable for pregnant women. Breast-feeding mothers can have a Nuclear Medicine Lacrimal Study but avoiding prolonged close contact with your baby is suggested for 12 to 24 hours after the study.

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