

**Appointment
Date:**

Time:

Patient Preparation:

- Eat a fatty meal (e.g. bacon and eggs, large full cream milk shake, hamburger) 4 to 6 hours prior to your appointment time.
- You may not be able to drive yourself home, please ensure that someone else drives you home.

Time For Examination:
1.5 - 2 hours.

Please Bring:

Any related previous imaging including Nuclear Medicine Studies, X-Rays, Ultrasounds, CT and MRI scans.

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available.**

NUCLEAR MEDICINE BILIARY SCANS

Your doctor has asked that you have a Nuclear Medicine Biliary Scan. Below are some general guidelines that will apply to most patients

All patients having a Nuclear Medicine biliary scan are required to eat a fatty meal 4 to 6 hours before their appointment time. A fatty meal is required so that the patients gall bladder may be properly visualized. Bacon and eggs, full cream milk shake, or hamburger and chips are the perfect meals to achieve this.

A biliary scan involves a small injection into a vein. This injection contains a small amount of radioactivity that is processed by the liver. This injection allows our camera to image your gall bladder. There are no side-effects to the injection and the injection will not interfere with any medications you may be taking.

Following the injection of tracer, a camera above you will take continuous pictures over your abdomen. These pictures may take up to 90 minutes.

If your gall-bladder has not appeared in our scan by one hour, you may be given an injection of a small amount of morphine to encourage your bile ducts to contract. This is only needed in a small number of patients. If this is required, you will not be able to driver yourself home. Please ensure that someone else drives you home after the scan.

If your gall-bladder is seen by one hour and your doctor has requested information about how your gall-bladder contracts, you will be given an oral fatty meal (this drink is similar to a Sustagen meal replacement). We then continue to scan the abdomen for a further 30 minutes after giving the oral fatty meal.

This study is not suitable for pregnant women. Breast-feeding mothers can have a Nuclear Medicine Biliary Scan but avoiding feeding from the breast and prolonged close contact with your baby is suggested for 12 to 24 hours after the injection of our tracer. Feeding your baby with expressed breast milk or formula is recommended during this time.

For more information please contact:

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