

**Appointment
Date:**

Time:

Patient Preparation:
Nil

Time For Examination:
Initial: 15 minutes
Delayed: 45 minutes

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

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NUCLEAR MEDICINE DMSA RENAL SCANS

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

The DMSA Renal scan is in two parts. The first part of the scan involves a small injection of a radioactive tracer into a vein in the arm, much like a blood test. There are no side effects from this injection and it will not interfere with any medications you may be taking. The injection allows the gamma camera to image your kidneys.

You will be free to leave the department after the injection and do as you please. There are no restrictions on drinking or eating, in fact no restrictions placed on you as a result of the injection.

The second part of the test will be performed anywhere from 2 – 4 hours after your initial injection. You will be asked to lay on the scanning table, and a camera will be positioned over your abdomen to take the pictures. These pictures will take approximately 30 minutes. Additional 3 – D images may also be acquired, where the camera does a slow rotation around your abdomen, these will take approximately 20 minutes.

This study is not suitable for pregnant women. Breast-feeding mothers can have a Nuclear Medicine DMSA 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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