

NUCLEAR MEDICINE LYMPHATIC DRAINAGE SCAN

**Appointment
Date:**

Time:

Patient Preparation:
Nil

Time For Examination:
4 hours – Patient will be advised when they need to return to the department

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

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Undercover parking is available.

Your doctor has asked that you have a Nuclear Medicine Lymphatic Drainage Scan. This scan is done to assess the lymphatic drainage of either your legs or your arms. Below are some general guidelines that will apply to most patients

The Lymph scan involves two small injections either in the webbing between the first and second toe, or in the webbing between your second and third fingers. The injections are very small, but you will feel a momentary stinging during the injections. The injections contain a small amount of radiotracer that enables a gamma camera to track the passage of lymph up your limbs. There are no side effects to the injections and no interactions with any medications you may be taking. You will be able to drive home after the study.

Imaging will take place immediately after the injections. You will be asked to lay on a scanning table and a camera will be positioned above you. For patients being tested for arm lymphatic drainage, you will be in a sitting position and your arms extended over the camera. Imaging is painless.

Imaging may continue for up to 4 hours. However, you will not be required to stay in the department. You will be able to leave the department and you may also eat and drink normally throughout the course of the study.

This study is not suitable for pregnant women. Breast-feeding mothers can have a Nuclear Medicine Lymphatic Drainage Scan but avoiding prolonged close contact with your baby is suggested for 12 to 24 hours after the injection of our tracer.

For more information please contact:

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