

**Appointment
Date:**

Time:

Patient Preparation:

- Drink one litre of fluid in the hour prior to your scheduled appointment

Time For Examination:

1 hour.

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.**

NUCLEAR MEDICINE RENAL SCANS WITH LASIX

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

For all renal scans it is important that you are well hydrated before the study can begin. This means you must drink at least 1 litre of water before coming to your scheduled appointment. There is no need to hold onto this fluid, you are able to empty your bladder as needed. There is no need to fast either.

You will be asked to lay on a scanning table, where you will be given a small injection of radioactive "dye" (radiotracer) into a vein in the arm, much like a blood test. There are no side effects from this radiotracer, and it will not interfere with any medication you may be taking.

A camera underneath you will take images of your kidneys for approximately 30 minutes. This is a painless procedure. Depending on the information your doctor has asked for, you may be given an injection of a medication called frusemide (lasix) that temporarily makes your kidneys produce more urine. Imaging of your kidneys will continue for approximately 15 after this lasix injection. Total scanning time is approximately 30 minutes.

This study is not suitable for pregnant women. Breast-feeding mothers can have a Nuclear Medicine Renal Scan with Lasix, 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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