

Instructions for a Biliary Study

Department of Nuclear Medicine & Centre for PET

Name: _____
Appointment:
Date: _____ Time: _____

Your doctor would like you to have a **Biliary Study**. The test assists in the evaluation of acute cholecystitis, acute common bile duct obstruction, post-cholecystectomy syndrome and bile-induced gastritis.

Please report to the:

**Department of Nuclear Medicine, Austin Hospital
Level 1 of the Harold Stokes Building,
Burgundy Street, Heidelberg**

If cannot attend on the day, please call the Department to make another appointment time.

The phone number is: **03 9496 5718**

Procedure: You are injected with a radioactive tracer that looks at bile flow and the gall bladder. Scanning is started at time of injection and takes 1 hour. Following review by the doctors, additional pictures may be required these may take up to 1.5 hrs to complete. The entire test may take 2-2.5 hrs

Preparation: You are required to fast 6 hours before the scan – no food or drink. Water is allowed but only if required.

If you are taking Morphine or other opiates – please check inform the department prior to your appointment.

An important note for women having Nuclear Medicine Scans:

As with any test using radiation, you must contact the Department of Nuclear Medicine before your appointment if:

- **You are or may be pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding**
- **Please do not bring small children with you**

Further Information

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact:

Department of Nuclear Medicine

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