

Instructions for a Heat Damaged Red Cell Study

Department of Nuclear Medicine & Centre for PET

Name: _____

Appointment:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your doctor would like you to have a **Heat Damaged Red Cell Study**. This study is used to look at the spleen or identify sites of residual splenic tissue throughout your body.

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: A blood sample is taken and labelled with a radiotracer. After 1 hour, the blood is reinjected and pictures are taken at 20 minutes and at 2 hours after the re-injection.

Preparation: Nil.

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 breastfeeding**
- **Please do not bring small children with you**

Further Information

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

Department of Nuclear Medicine

Phone 03 9496 5718

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