

# Instructions for a Liver Spleen Scan

Department of Nuclear Medicine & Centre for PET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Your doctor would like you to have a **Liver/Spleen Scan**. The test is to look at the size, shape and position of your liver and spleen. This test can also be used to assess for hepatocellular disease and portal hypertension. They are both diseases of the liver.

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 given an injection of radioactive tracer, and pictures are taken of your liver after taken at time of injection. The test takes up to 45 minutes.

**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, 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**

Phone 03 9496 5718

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