

Instructions for a Lymphoscintigraphy Study

Department of Nuclear Medicine & Centre for PET

Name: _____

Appointment:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your doctor would like you to have a **Lymphoscintigraphy Study**. This test looks at the lymphatic system, usually in the legs, to investigate chronic oedema (fluid in the tissues). The lymphatic system is a group of tubes throughout the body that drains fluid tissues and empties it back into the blood.

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: The doctor will give you an injection of radioactive tracer into the web spacing (between the toes) of each foot or hands. You are then scanned periodically from the time of injection up to 3 hours later

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 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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