

Instructions for a Meckel's Scan

Department of Nuclear Medicine & Centre for PET

Name: _____
Appointment
Date: _____ Time: _____

Your doctor would like you to have a **Meckel's Scan**. The test is used to detect the presence of a Meckel's Diverticulum. A meckel's diverticulum is a pouch or sac like attachment of the ileum, the ileum being part of the small intestine.

Please report to the:

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

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

The phone numbers are: **03 9496 5718**

Procedure: You are given an injection of radiotracer, followed by a scan over your abdomen, lasting approximately 45minutes

Preparation: You are to fast for 6 hours before the test.

Before the scan appointment time, you are to take 300mg of Ranitidine (Zantac), at 48hours, 24hours and 1hour before the scan. The doctor on duty will prescribe this for you, if required.

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:

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