

Instructions for a Thyroid Scan

Department of Nuclear Medicine & Centre for PET

Name: _____
Appointment
Date: _____ Time: _____

Your doctor would like you to have a **Thyroid Scan**. The study helps to assess the function of the thyroid gland

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 radioactive tracer, and asked to wait 20 minutes, before being scanned. The total test takes 30-45 minutes.

Preparation: Nil. Please inform the Department if you have had a contrast injection for CT or other radiological tests in the last 6-12 weeks

Please inform department if an antithyroid med (name and dosage)

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 9496 5718

Produced by:
© **Nuclear Medicine Department**
Date produced: November 2009
Date for review: October 2010