

INFORMATION FOR A BILIARY SCAN

Your doctor would like you to have a **Biliary Scan**. The test is used to look at gall bladder function in cases where the doctors think abnormal gallbladder contraction may be the cause of your abdominal pain or if there is persistent pain following gallbladder surgery. This test may also be used to look for blockages of bile ducts inside and outside the liver.

PROCEDURE

- You are injected with a radioactive tracer that looks at bile flow and how the gall-bladder fills.
- Scanning is started at time of injection and takes 1 hour.
- Following review by the doctors, more pictures may be required to look at the gallbladder emptying after having a fatty meal (usually 600 ml of full cream milk) or if a specific medicine (CCK) is available, you will have a slow injection of this medicine via a syringe pump which causes the gallbladder to contract. These may take up to 75 minutes to complete
- The entire test may take 2 to 2.5 hrs.

PREPARATION:

- You are required to **fast 6 hours** before the scan – **no food or drink**. A small amount of water is allowed but only if required.
- If you have any food allergy or lactose intolerance, or claustrophobia please contact the Department prior to your appointment.
- **If you are taking Morphine or other pain medication – please ring the department prior to your appointment.**

An important note for women having Nuclear Medicine Scans:



As with any test using radiation, you must contact the Department of Molecular Imaging & Therapy before your appointment if:

- **You are or may be pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding**
- **Please do not bring children under the age of 12 with you, due to potential for exposure to radiation.**



PLEASE BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

FURTHER INFORMATION



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

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