

Baseline renal scan & lasix

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET



Your appointment:

Date:

Time:

Location:

Please see our website for more branch details.

Duration of examination

The examination process will take between 45-60 minutes and is usually booked as an afternoon appointment.

Please bring with you:

- > Your request form
- > All previous relevant imaging
- > Medicare and any Healthcare cards

Payment on the day of the examination is requested.

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What is a baseline renal scan?

This scan is performed to assess the function of your kidneys.

Patient preparation

As some medications can affect the result of your scan, please have a list of all your current medications available when booking your appointment.

You will need to be well hydrated for your examination. Drink one litre of water one hour prior to your scan. You may empty your bladder as needed as it is not a requirement to have a full bladder.

What will happen during the examination?

The examination involves a small injection of radioactive tracer into a vein, usually in the arm, whilst you are lying on the scanning bed. The injection has no side effects.

Sequential images are taken during the injection process and for the 25 minutes following. You will need to stay still for this period.

After this imaging is complete you will be asked to empty your bladder before another image is taken. If the examination is performed to assess kidney function only, this will then complete your examination.

Occasionally, and depending on the information requested by your doctor, a second phase of scanning may be required. If this is the case, a cannula will be inserted into your arm at the start of the procedure.

A diuretic medication will be administered that stimulates your kidneys to produce more urine.

Further imaging will be performed for approximately 15 minutes.

On completion of this second imaging phase you will be asked once again to empty your bladder. A further image will be taken. You will then be free to leave the department.

Are there any risks?

This procedure has no associated side effects.

Pregnant, breast feeding patients and carers of infants

This examination is not suitable for pregnant women.

Breastfeeding mothers may undergo the procedure, but will need to cease breast feeding for 12 hours after the scan. Breast milk should be expressed and discarded during this period. Breast feeding may resume after the 12 hours.

For some examinations it may be required to avoid prolonged close contact with infants and young children. If you have any queries regarding this please speak with our technical staff on the day of your appointment.

After the examination

The nuclear medicine specialist will review and report on your images once complete. These results will be communicated to your treating doctor in accordance with your doctors preferred communication method (eg hard copy film or electronic).