Baseline renal scan & lasix

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET NM01

Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more clinic 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 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.

A second phase may also be required as part of your examination which involves a diuretic medication that will be administered that stimulates your kidneys to produce more urine.

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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.

After the examination

The images will be reviewed and reported by our nuclear medicine specialist. These will then be sent to your referring clinician. For details on reporting timeframes, please speak with our reception staff. It is important that you follow up the results of your examination with your referring clinician.

It is important you understand why and how we will be assisting you. If you have any questions, please call one of our clinics or speak to our staff on the day of your visit.

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