Lacrimal scan

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET NM09

Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more clinic details.

Duration of examination

This examination takes 30 minutes.

Please bring with you:

- Your request form
- Medicare and any
- Healthcare cards

Payment on the day of the examination is requested.

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What is a lacrimal scan?

A Lacrimal Scan is performed to assess the drainage of the lacrimal system (tear drainage system), where a patient is suspected to have a blockage.

Patient preparation

No preparation is required.

What will happen during the examination?

During the examination, you will be resting comfortably on your back, propped up by pillows. The test requires one to two drops of clear, radioactive tracer to be placed into each eye. This tracer allows the gamma camera to visualise the drainage system of your tear ducts.

Once the drops have been administered you will need to remain still while pictures are taken for approximately 20 minutes. While the gamma camera will sit very close to you, it will not touch you. If you are claustrophobic, please inform the technologist.

On completion of the images, you will be asked to blow your nose and blink your eyes to encourage the tracer to drain into your nose. A final image will be taken at this point to complete the procedure.

Are there any risks?

This examination has no associated side effects. The eye drops do not sting your eyes or change your vision, so you will be able to drive following the examination.

Are there any risks?

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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