DTPA lung clearance

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET NM15

Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more clinic details.

Duration of examination

This examination takes just over 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 DTPA lung clearance?

This examination is designed to evaluate the severity of lung disease.

Patient preparation

No preparation is required.

What will happen during the examination?

On arrival a technologist will explain the procedure. You will then be positioned on the scanning bed. A small tube will be placed in your mouth. You will be instructed to keep a tight seal with your lips over the mouthpiece whilst you are breathing. Your nose will be closed with a peg to ensure you only breathe through your mouth.

You will be required to breathe in a small amount of radioactive aerosol through the tube for three minutes, during which time images will be taken. There are no side effects associated with the radioactive gas.

After inhaling the tracer, you can carry on breathing normally through your nose for the remainder of the scan. Images will be taken for a further 30 minutes. It is very important that you remain very still throughout the scan.

Are there any risks?

This examination 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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