Thyroid scan

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET NM16

Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more clinic details.

Duration of examination

This examination takes approximately 45 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 thyroid scan?

This scan is used to assess the function of the thyroid gland.

Patient preparation

If you currently take thyroid medication, please contact us prior to your appointment as you may be required to cease this for a period of time prior to your examination.

If you have had a CT scan or x-ray with contrast injection within the last six weeks, please inform the receptionist at the time of making your appointment as a thyroid scan cannot be performed in this period.

What will happen during the examination?

Upon arrival, a technologist will explain the procedure and then a small injection containing radioactive tracer will be administered into a vein in your arm by a nuclear medicine specialist.

You will then be required to wait 20 minutes while the tracer is taken up by your thyroid.

After the 20 minutes you will be taken into the examination room and asked to lie on the examination bed. You will be required to keep still for a few minutes at a time, while the special gamma camera takes images of your neck. This will take approximately 10 minutes.

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.

Breastfeeding mothers may undergo the procedure but will need to cease breast feeding for 15 hours after the scan. Breast milk should be expressed and discarded during this period. Breast feeding may resume after the 15 hours.

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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