Parathyroid scan

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET NM17

Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more clinic details.

Duration of examination

This examination is performed in two parts. 15 minutes in the morning and then 45 minutes 3 hours after the initial appointment.

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 parathyroid scan?

A Parathyroid scan is used to assess the function of your parathyroid gland.

Patient preparation

No preparation is required.

However, if you have had an ultrasound of your parathyroid, please bring those images with you to your appointment.

What will happen during the examination?

The scan is performed in two parts.

On 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.

Following the injection, you will be positioned on your back on the scanning bed while the gamma camera takes a series of images of your neck area for 15 minutes. The technologist will then advise you of a time to return to the department for the second part of the scan.

The second part of the scan is usually performed at least three hours later. You may leave the department and do as you wish between parts one and two.

Upon your return to the department, you will once again be positioned on your back on the scanning bed. The gamma camera will take another series of images for 45 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.

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 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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