

# Lacrimal scan

## PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET



### Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more branch details.

### Duration of examination

This examination takes 30 minutes.

### Please bring with you:

- > Your request form
- > All previous relevant imaging
- > 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.

### After the examination

A nuclear medicine specialist will review and report on your imaging. This can take up to 90 minutes. For your convenience we can generally deliver the images and report to your doctor by the next working day. Alternatively your doctor may request that you wait or return later to collect the imaging and report.