

Parathyroid scan

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET



Your appointment:

Date:

Time:

Location:

Please see our website for more branch 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
- > All previous relevant imaging
- > Medicare and any Healthcare cards

Payment on the day of the examination is requested.

For more information on this procedure please call one of our branches.

For more information regarding Benson Radiology please visit:

bensonradiology.com.au

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.

Breastfeeding mothers may undergo the procedure, but will need to cease breast feeding for 12 hours after the scan. Breast milk should be expressed and discarded during this period. Breast feeding may resume after the 12 hours.

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

Our nuclear medicine specialist will review and report on your images once complete. These results will be communicated to your treating doctor in accordance with your doctors preferred communication method (eg hard copy film or electronic).