

## Nuclear Medicine Scan

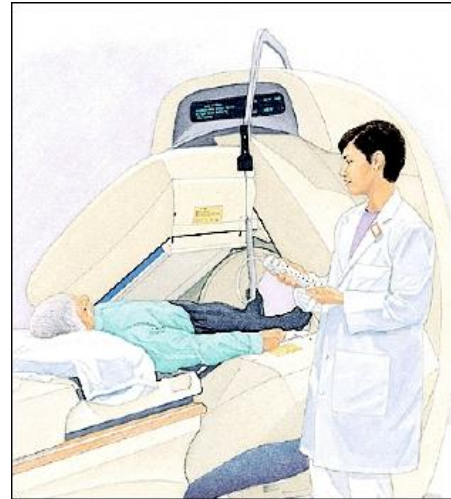
A **nuclear medicine scan** uses a special camera to create pictures of your organs (such as your heart, lungs, liver, and gallbladder) and bones. This test uses a small amount of radioactive material and a special camera. You will need to schedule this test with Central Scheduling (630-856-7070).

### Before Your Scan Appointment

- Be sure to mention the medications you take and ask if it's okay to take them before your test.
- You will be given a tracer (radioactive material). It may be injected, swallowed, or inhaled. Your scan may then be done right away, or you may need to wait a few hours or even days to allow the tracer to concentrate in the part of the body being studied.
- Your scan may take a few hours. Bring something you can do if you need to wait.
- Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your test to allow enough time for registration.

#### Let the technologist know if you:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Have had a nuclear medicine scan before
- Have had a recent barium study or an x-ray using contrast
- Have any fractures or artificial joints
- Have any allergies



**Relax and stay as still as you can to help ensure that the images are clear.**

### During the Scan

- You will lie on a narrow imaging table.
- A large camera is placed close to your body.
- Remain as still as you can while the camera takes the pictures. This will ensure the best images.
- The table or camera may be adjusted to take more pictures.

### After Your Scan

- Drink plenty of water to help clear the tracer from your body.
- You will need to contact your doctor for your test results.