

# Thyroid Scan

## PATIENT INFORMATION



Also known as: Thyroid radioisotope scan.

A Thyroid scan is used to evaluate your thyroid function, shape, location and size.

### WHAT HAPPENS DURING A THYROID SCAN?

Part 1: You will be given a small injection of a radioactive tracer that is taken up by your thyroid gland. This injection shouldn't make you feel any different. This part takes about 15 minutes.

Part 2: After 20 minutes following your injection, images of your neck and thyroid will be taken. These images take between 15-40 minutes to be acquired.

### ANY PREPARATION REQUIRED?

- ✓ You may be asked to cease certain medications or vitamin supplements prior to the test.
- ✓ If you think you may have had a recent CT scan with intravenous contrast please notify staff when making your appointment.
- ✓ Please make staff aware if you are (or think you could be) pregnant, breast-feeding, claustrophobic and/or if you are the primary/sole carer for small children when you book your appointment.
- ✓ Bring any previous Nuclear Medicine scans or any other scans relating to the area of interest, as well as any recent blood tests measuring thyroid function to your appointment.
- ✓ Eat and drink as normal before and after your thyroid scan.
- ✓ Resume normal activities (including driving) following your scan.



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