



**SAINT ANTHONY
MEDICAL CENTER**

Nuclear Medicine Department

815-395-5235

Test Name:

Nuclear Medicine Gall Bladder Scan, Nuclear Medicine Hepatobiliary Scan, Nuclear Medicine Hepatobiliary Scan with Pharmacologic (Pharm), Nuclear Medicine CCK Gall Bladder Scan

Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Nuclear Medicine Department. This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled. Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

When to come:

Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

What to bring with you:

Nothing.

Preparation:

You cannot eat or drink, or have gum or mints for at least 4 hours prior to the appointment time.

Please discontinue pain medications (opiates) as follows:

Morphine, Demerol, Vicodan or Fentanyl must be discontinued for 4 hours prior to the scan.

Discontinue Nubain 12 hours prior to the exam.

Discontinue Sub-Q pain patches containing the medications listed above 24 hours prior to the exam.

DO NOT STOP taking any medications, unless you have prior approval from your doctor.

If necessary you may bring medications with you, so you may take them immediately after the exam.

Family:

Family or friends are asked to stay in the waiting area during the test.

Pregnancy testing:

Pregnancy testing will now be performed on females receiving diagnostics between the ages of 10 and 55 if you have not had your tubes tied or a hysterectomy.

Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable. If you know that you are pregnant, please notify your doctor.

Medications:

You may take other medications other than those listed above with 2-3 sips of water only.

Test instructions:

An IV will be placed in a vein through which a small amount of radioactive material will be injected.

There are no side effects from the injection of the radioactive material. It is not a drug or a dye. There will be a short delay allowing for the radioactive material to be absorbed by the body.

Your medical history will tell us how long your scan will last.

- 1- your scan could last 60 minutes with a possibility of having some additional pictures taken 2 hours after the injection. A radiologist – a doctor specializing in nuclear medicine tests - will look at your images after 60 minutes and decide if the additional images are needed.
- 2- or your scan could last 90-150 minutes. The length depends on your body's ability to absorb the radioactive isotope.

You will also receive an additional medication called sincalide/CCK. This medication makes your gallbladder squeeze. The actual amount your gallbladder can squeeze is measured. This medication can cause a slight discomfort in the right side of the belly.

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Test results:

A nuclear radiologist – a doctor specializing in nuclear medicine studies - will read your study and a report will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor on how to receive your test results

After test instructions:

You may resume your normal activity
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