

Kidney Scintigraphy with DTPA

Dear patient,

On behalf of the Service of Nuclear Medicine and the University Hospital we would like to welcome you and provide you with important information regarding your upcoming examination.

Registration

Please report to the registration desk of the Service of Nuclear Medicine. Please bring a copy of your health insurance documents with you.

Preparation

Drink at least 0.5 l liquids before the examination.

Precautions

If you believe you are pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding, please bring this to our attention upon receipt of this information sheet.

Scintigraphy

The examination proper starts with an injection of the radioactive tracer needed for this examination. Scanning will start with the injection and will last 30 minutes.

A blood sample will be taken after 2 h.

Duration

The scan will last approx. 30 minutes and the whole examination will take around 2 1/2 h.

Side effects

No side effects are to be expected. Please inform us if you suffer from any allergies.

The radiation dose of the examination is comparable to one to two times the natural yearly radiation dose in Zurich. The examination can also be performed in children.

Examination report

After the examination, the scans are analyzed by nuclear medicine physicians and radiologists. The results are usually communicated to your referring doctor within a few hours. He will inform you on the findings.

Important:

In case you are unable to appear on the scheduled examination time, please inform us at least 24h before the examination. Otherwise we may have to bill you for the costs incurred by us.

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