

Sentinel node

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

No special measures necessary.

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

At the beginning you will get an injection of the radioactive tracer in the region, where surgery is planned. Scans will be acquired until the sentinel node appears on the images taken.

Duration

The whole procedure will take approx. 1 hour.

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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