

Your doctor has referred you for a Nuclear Medicine Gallbladder Scan.

It is important that you read the enclosed booklet **“Information about your Nuclear Medicine Test”** with this leaflet.

What is a Gallbladder Scan?

It is a simple test that lets us take pictures to see how well your Gallbladder is functioning.

Do I need to do any special preparation before the Gallbladder Scan?

Please fast from midnight the night before your test

What does a Gallbladder Scan involve?

A Gallbladder scan involves an injection of a small amount of radioactive liquid into your arm. The injection lets us take pictures of your gallbladder. We will take pictures immediately after your injection. We may also give you a fatty drink during your scan.

The radioactive liquid used for this scan is licensed in the United Kingdom (UK). If this is not available we will use a European Union (EU) licensed equivalent product. All products we use from the UK and EU are made to the same safety and quality standards.

How long does the scan last?

Your scan can last up to 3 hours.

Your appointment

If you can't make this appointment please tell us as soon as possible – we can arrange another appointment. Please phone the number on your appointment letter.

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

Where possible we try to avoid performing gallbladder scans on patients who are, or may be pregnant. Therefore please contact the department if you are:

- Pregnant
- Breast-feeding
- You think you could be pregnant

If you are booking transport through the Scottish Ambulance Service please contact them as soon as possible and tell them that you will be in the department for approximately 4 hours.