

Your doctor has referred you for a Nuclear Medicine Gastro Intestinal (GI) Bleed Scan.

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

## **What is a GI Bleed Scan?**

A GI Bleed scan is a simple test that allows us to take pictures of the red blood cells within your abdomen.

## **Do I need to do any special preparation before the GI Bleed Scan?**

There is no special preparation for this test, you can eat, drink and take medication as normal.

## **What does a GI Bleed Scan involve?**

We will give you a small injection into your arm, you will then wait for 15-20 minutes. We will then give you a second injection of a small amount of radioactive material and take some pictures of your abdomen. Sometimes we may have to take delayed pictures which can be up to 6 hours after the radioactive injection.

The radioactive material used for this scan is licensed in the European Union (EU). There are no United Kingdom (UK) licensed equivalent products available. All products we use from the UK and EU are made to the same safety and quality standards.

## **How long does the scan last?**

Scans typically last up to 2 hours.

## **Your appointment**

If you can't make this appointment please tell us as soon as possible – we can arrange another appointment.

## **Pregnancy and Breastfeeding**

Where possible we try to avoid performing Gastro Intestinal Bleed 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 advise them you will be in the department for approximately 6 hours.**