

Your doctor has referred you for a Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Amyloid Scan.

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

What is a Cardiac Amyloid Scan?

A Cardiac Amyloid Scan is a simple test that allows us to take pictures of your whole body and additional images of your heart.

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

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

What does a Cardiac Amyloid Scan involve?

A Cardiac Amyloid scan involves an injection of a small amount of radioactive liquid into your arm. After a wait of approximately 3-4 hours we will then take pictures.

During this time you can leave the department or stay with us. During this time we ask you to drink plenty of fluids, and to empty your bladder frequently, this is to wash the radioactive liquid through your body. You can eat and take medication as normal.

The radioactive liquid 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 between 30-60 minutes.

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 Cardiac Amyloid 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 4 hours.