Nuclear Medicine Eye Scan



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

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

What is an Eye Scan?

An Eye Scan is a simple test that allows us to see how well the tears drain from your eyes.

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

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

What does an Eye Scan involve?

An Eye scan involves placing a small amount of radioactive drops into both eyes at the same time. We will sit you in front of the gamma camera with your chin and forehead resting on a support to keep your head still. The camera will take pictures continuously for 20 minutes. At the end of the test, we will rinse your eyes out before you leave.

How long does the scan last?

Scans typically last between 45-60 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 eye 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 2 hours.

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