

Information about your Nuclear Medicine Lung Scan

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

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

What is a Lung Scan?

A Lung scan is a simple test that lets us take pictures of both the air and blood supply to your lungs.

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

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

What does a Lung Scan involve?

We will ask you to breathe in a radioactive gas to allow us to take pictures of the **air** supply to your lungs. We will also give you an injection of a small amount of radioactive liquid to allow us to take pictures of the **blood** supply to your lungs.

The person taking the pictures will fully explain the scan at the time.

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. Please phone the number on your appointment letter.

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

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 2 hours.