

Your doctor has referred you for a Nuclear Medicine Salivary Gland Scan.

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

What is a Salivary Gland Scan?

A Salivary Gland Scan is a simple test that allows us to take pictures of how well your salivary glands are functioning.

Do I need to do any special preparation before the Salivary gland scan?

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

What does a Salivary Gland Scan involve?

A Salivary Gland scan involves injecting a small amount of a radioactive liquid into your arm; there will then be a wait of 15 minutes. We will take some pictures of your head and neck area, this takes about 20 minutes. Half way through the pictures we will give you a small drink of lemon juice.

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 salivary gland 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.