

# 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.**