

WHAT IS A SCINTIGRAPHY ?

It is the image of an organ. It helps your doctor to see the functioning organ to complete diagnosis and better treat you.

HOW IS IT PERFORMED ?

A small amount of weakly radioactive, organ-specific product, is injected, usually in an arm vein. After injection, a delay is required before taking pictures. The device that takes these pictures is called a gamma-camera. It moves around you to get quality images. During the scan, you stand still lying. Generally, you stay dressed, but must remove all metallic objects that might interfere.

IS THE EXAMEN DANGEROUS ?

No, because the radiation received is comparable to that of a chest X-ray. The very small amount of substance injected is painless, not toxic and does not cause any allergies.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST ?

It varies depending on the organ examined : It can last from 15 minutes to 1 hour. Do not worry if we extend the examination or if we take many shots it is to get the best view of the organ to be examined.

IS THE SCAN PAINFUL ?

The injection is not painful, you will feel the sting of the needle, as in a blood test. You do not experience any discomfort after the injection, you're not sleepy.

SHOULD MEDICATIONS STOP OR CHANGES IN MEDICATION BE CONSIDERED ?

No, in most scans, no modification in medication is required. If needed, you will be notified.

WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM SCAN ?

Everyone from infants to seniors. If you are pregnant, or if you have missed a period, you must report to staff before injection : precautions should be taken. If you are breastfeeding, report also : You will be told whether it is necessary to stop breastfeeding and how long.

IS A SPECIAL PREPARATION REQUIRED FOR THIS TEST ?

No, unless specific information that you are given while making appointments.

In most cases you can eat and drink as usual before coming, between injection and picking, and also after the examination.

AND AFTER THE TEST ?

You can eat normally and resume your activities (driving, work...). You will be recommended to drink more than usual, in order to eliminate more quickly and easily injected product.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PICTURES ?

They will be sent directly to your doctor with the report of the examination.

DO NOT FORGET !

Documents to bring to the examination :

- Carte vitale
- Doctor's prescription
- Radiological, ultrasound and laboratory tests related to the present illness, previous scans (CT, MRI).