

PATIENT INFORMATION

**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**You have an appointment in the Nuclear Medicine Department on:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please arrive 10 minutes early. This gives you time to check in. Please bring with you photo identification and your BC CareCard (personal health number).

Please do not bring your children with you unless you bring someone to care for them while you are having the test.

If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call **604-806-8008** as soon as possible. Please give us at least 24 hours notice so we can use your time for someone else. When you call, we will give you another date and time for your test.

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## Things you need to know

### Why am I having this test?

Your doctor wants to check how well your liver and spleen are working.

### What do I need to do before the test?

**★ Are you allergic to latex? Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Please tell us★**

You do not need to do anything special to prepare for this test. You may eat and drink as usual and take your medicines.

Plan on being here for about 1 hour. Bring any medicines you may need during this time.

### What happens during the test?

In order to see your liver and spleen clearly, we need to give you a radioactive material called a 'tracer'. We give the tracer into your blood stream through a vein. To do this, we use a needle to insert a small flexible tube into a vein in one of your hands or arms. This is called an intravenous injection (*intra* meaning 'into' and *venous* meaning 'vein', commonly called an IV).

Once injected, the tracer travels through your bloodstream and is absorbed into your liver and spleen. It will not make you feel any different.

We take pictures or images of your liver and spleen from different angles, tracking how the tracer flows through your liver and spleen.



How you want to be treated.

### **What can I expect after my test?**

There are no side effects.

We send your test results to your doctor within 5 working days after the test is completed. If your doctor does not have your results within two weeks, please ask your doctor to contact us.

If you are planning to travel within one month of this test, please tell the Nuclear Medicine receptionist. We will give you a letter that says you have been given a small amount of radioactivity for this test.