

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.

Things you need to know

Why am I having this test?

This scan checks for infections, inflamed tissues or tumors in the body. A radioactive material called Gallium is used because it attaches easily to inflamed cells and tissues. This makes these areas show up on the scan.

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.

What happens during the test?

This test has 3 parts and is done over three days.

Day 1: We give you a radioactive material or 'tracer' called Gallium. We give the tracer into a vein in one of your hands or arms. To do this, we use a needle to insert a small flexible tube into your vein. This is called an intravenous injection. This part takes about 10-15 minutes.

Day 2: We give you a time to come back on Day 2. During this visit, we take pictures or images of your whole body. This takes about 30-60 minutes.

Day 3: We give you a time to come back on Day 3 (which is now 48 hours after the Gallium injection). We do a second set of images. This takes about 30-60 minutes.



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.