

# DTPA Renal Scan

**A DTPA renal scan provides functional information about your kidneys.**

For the scan you will be given a **small injection** of the 'kidney tracer' into a vein in your arm.

The scan is started immediately.

**Slight variations** to the basic procedure occur and are dependent upon the **specific information** that is required about your kidneys. For example, a blood pressure tablet or an injection called Lasix may need to be given either prior to or at some stage during the test.



**YES!**

You must **drink 1 litre of water** in the 2 hours prior to the test.



**YES!**

You can **go to the toilet** as often as you need.



**YES!**

If you take **blood pressure tablets**, please **check with our staff** if you are required to stop taking them prior to the test.



**YES!**

Bring any relevant X-rays or previous scans.



**NO!**

You will not experience any side effects from this test.

**Please inform the doctor or the technologist if you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding.**



## What happens for the scan?

This is one of the Gamma Cameras at Wollongong Nuclear Medicine.

The scan is performed with the camera underneath the scanning bed. You **DO NOT go through a 'tunnel'**.

You will **not be required to undress** for the scan.



## How long will it take?


**Type 1 : Straight DTPA  
30 minutes.**

**Type 2 : DTPA + Lasix  
60 minutes.**

**Type 3 : DTPA + Captopril  
90 minutes.**

# What Happens?

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