

Hepatobiliary Scan

This scan is used to look at how your gallbladder and associated ducts are functioning.

What Happens?

Patient Information

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



YES!

You are required to **fast for 4 hours** prior to your test. (It is OK to drink water.)

The **scan starts immediately** and images are taken continuously for approximately 60 - 90 minutes.



YES!

Bring any relevant ultrasound scans, X-rays or previous scans.

Usually it is necessary to **give you a second injection called CCK** (this is given through the same needle as the tracer.) **CCK is produced naturally in your body** everytime you have a meal to make your gallbladder contract.



YES!

You can drive your car after the test.

By giving you CCK whilst the scan is going, we can watch for abnormalities in the function of your gallbladder.



NO!

You will not feel sick after the 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 must be done with the camera close to your body but you **DO NOT go through a 'tunnel'**. You will **not be required to undress** for the scan.



How long will it take?

Approximately 60 - 90 minutes.

(Because the scan is used to look at your gallbladder functioning, the scan time can vary slightly between patients.)

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