

# 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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