

Lung Scan

Lung scans provide information about the air flow and the blood flow within your lungs and generally are used to look for small blood clots in your lungs.

What Happens?

Patient Information

There are 2 parts to the test.

1. The air flow within your lungs.

You will be required to breathe a gas into your lungs which is able to be detected by the camera. **This will take approximately 5 minutes and you can breathe normally.** The first scan of your lungs will then be taken.

2. The blood flow within your lungs.

You will be given a **small injection** of the 'lung tracer' into a vein in your arm. The scan of your lungs will then be repeated.



YES!

Bring any relevant X-rays or previous scans.



YES!

You may eat and drink normally prior to the test.



YES!

You may keep taking any medication that you have been prescribed.



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 must be done with the camera close to your chest but you **DO NOT go through a 'tunnel'**.

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



How long will it take?

Approximately 45 minutes.