

# Thyroid Scan

*Thyroid scans are used to look at the size, shape and function of your thyroid.*

## What Happens?

### Patient Information

You will be given a **small injection** of the 'thyroid tracer' into a vein in your arm.

The **scan of your thyroid** is performed approximately 20 minutes later.

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



**YES!**

You are required to stop any medication which you take for your thyroid e.g. thyroxine, neomercazole after checking with your Doctor.



**YES!**

Bring any relevant ultrasound scans or previous scans.



**YES!**

You can drive your car after the test.



**NO!**

You are not required to fast prior to the test.



**NO!**

You will not feel sick after the injection.



### 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 40 minutes.