

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.

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