



Nuclear Medicine Gallbladder Exam

APPOINTMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DATE: _____ TIME: _____ <p style="text-align: center;">Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time and check in at the registration desk.</p>
HOW LONG THE EXAM WILL TAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The exam will take approximately 2 hours
HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not eat or drink after midnight. - If it has been > 24 hours since you have eaten or you are on parenteral nutrition please notify the technologist prior to starting the exam. - You should have had a recent ultrasound performed. If you have not please notify the technologist prior to the exam. - Please discontinue any narcotic or opiate medications (most prescription pain relievers) for a minimum of 12 hours prior to your exam.
PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding, please notify your physician or the technologist prior to your exam.
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An IV will be started and you will be given an injection. Once injected, images will be taken for 90-120 minutes. In rare cases, morphine may be given and it will be requested that you not drive for 4 hours after the exam is completed.
HOW DO YOU GET TEST RESULTS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Radiologist will study the images and a report will be sent to your physician. This normally takes 2 business days. Your physician will discuss the results with you. Should you not hear from your physician within 2 business days, please give them a call to schedule a follow up appointment.
QUESTIONS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have any questions or concerns about your appointment, please call Nuclear Medicine at (660) 831-3283.

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