

Parathyroid

A Parathyroid exam provides information about the parathyroid glands.

Patient Preparation

There are no specific preparations required.

Procedure

This is a two part exam. On your first visit you will receive a small amount of radiopharmaceutical and images will be obtained lasting approximately 30 minutes. On your second visit, 2-3 hours later, more images will be obtained taking approximately 1 hour.

The amount of radiation needed for the exam is minimal and the body eliminates the tracer material typically within twenty-four hours.

Tell the technologist if you have any allergies and if you are undergoing radiation therapy because these factors may require adjustments in how the examination is performed. Also, let the technologist know if you are pregnant or breastfeeding as nuclear medicine tests are usually not recommended for pregnant women.