

Renal Scan

A renal scan is used to measure the function of the kidneys.

Patient Preparation

Hydrate before the injection by drinking extra fluids 1-2 hours prior to the exam. You may use the bathroom anytime prior to the exam.

Procedure

You will receive a small amount of radiopharmaceutical and images will be obtained. The exam will take approximately one 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.