

What is a Gallbladder Scan?

A nuclear medicine gallbladder scan (HIDA) is a diagnostic procedure performed to check the function and condition of the gallbladder. This scan can help determine if you have gallbladder disease or your gallbladder is functioning properly.

What is a Quantitative HIDA Scan?

A Quantitative HIDA Scan measures the amount of bile emptied by the gallbladder during a 30 minute time period.

What is the Difference Between a Gallbladder Scan and a Quantitative HIDA Scan?

The Quantitative HIDA Scan includes an analysis of how well the gall bladder responds to sincalide. Sincalide is a medication, known as a diagnostic aid, injected before the test to check if the gallbladder and pancreas are working and to help diagnose other problems with these organs.

How Do I Prepare for the Exam?

Do not eat or drink anything 4-6 hours before the exam. Do not drink or eat during the exam.

What to Expect

When you arrive at the Nuclear Medicine Department the technician will insert an IV into the vein in your arm. A special “radioactive tracer” is injected into the IV. This “tracer” will show up on the pictures taken of your gallbladder. The gallbladder scan requires approximately 2 hours to complete. It may take longer if your gallbladder is not functioning properly. You must remain at the Imaging Center for the duration of the test.

What Happens to the Radioactive Material Injected in My Body?

Most of the radioactive material will be eliminated in your urine or stool. The rest will simply disappear over a brief period of time.

When Can I Resume Normal Daily Activities?

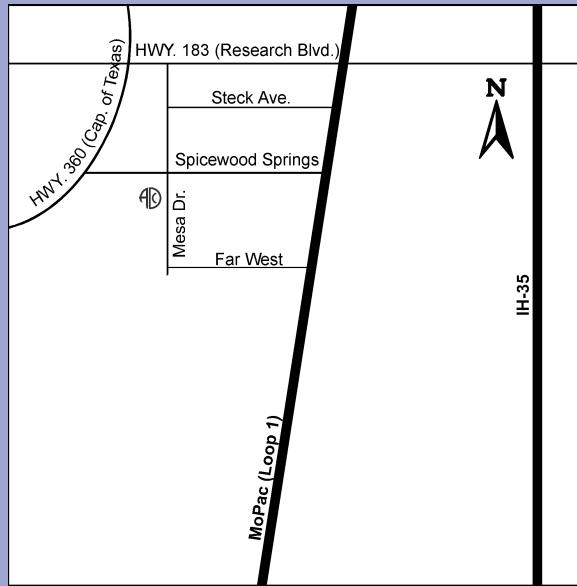
You can resume your normal activities immediately after the test.

Who Interprets the Results?

Who Will Tell Me the Results?

A physician who has specialized training in nuclear medicine will interpret the gallbladder images. A report will be dictated and sent to your physician. It usually takes 1-2 days for your physician to receive the results. Please contact your physician’s office for results.





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