

Although every effort is made to remain on schedule, urgent procedures often must be added or procedures may take longer than expected to complete. We thank you for your patience in advance.

Nuclear Medicine Procedures	Patient preparation	Length of Procedure
Liver/Spleen Scan	No preparation	45 minutes
Liver Hemangioma Scan	No preparation	90 minutes
Salivary Gland Scan	No preparation	60 minutes
Lung Scan	No preparation	45-60 minutes
GI Bleed Scan	No preparation	90 minutes Some patients require images at 2-4 hours
Hepatobiliary Scan	Nothing to eat or drink 8 hours prior to appointment	60-90 minutes Some patients require images at 2-4 hours
Meckel's Scan	Nothing to eat or drink 8 hours prior to appointment	90 minutes
Renal Scan	Drink two 8 oz glasses of water 30-60 minutes prior to test. No food for 4 hours prior to test. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications. Bring list of all medications.	45-120 minutes
Resting MUGA Scan	No preparation	45-60 minutes
Exercise Cardiolite Test	No alcohol or caffeine 24 hours prior to appointment. Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications. Bring list of all medications.	4-6 hours

Persantine Cardiolite Test	<p>No alcohol or caffeine 24 hours prior to appointment. Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications. Bring list of all medications.</p>	<p>4-6 hours</p>
Thallium Viability Scan	<p>Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment on Day 1</p>	<p>Day 1: 1st Visit 60 minutes return 4 hours later</p> <p>Day 2: 2nd Visit 30 minutes return next day</p> <p>Day 3: 3rd Visit 30 minutes</p>
Thyroid Uptake and Scan	<p>Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment on Day 1. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications. Bring list of all medications. No preparation for Day 2.</p>	<p>Day 1: 1st Visit 15 minutes return 24 hours later</p> <p>Day 3: 3rd Visit 45 minutes</p>
Gallium Scan	<p>Usually no preparation, but will be advised on Day 1</p>	<p>Day 1: 1st Visit 15 minutes return 48 hours later</p> <p>Day 3: 3rd Visit 45-60 minutes some patients may require images 72 hours after initial appointment</p>
¹³¹I Whole Body Scan	<p>Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment on Day 1. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications.</p>	<p>Day 1: 1st Visit 30 minutes return 48 hours later</p> <p>Day 3: 3rd Visit 60 minutes</p>



Diagnostic Imaging Preparation Instructions

131 I Therapy (OutPatient)	Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment on Day 1. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications. Bring list of all medications.	Day 1: 1st Visit 30 minutes
131 I Therapy (InPatient)	Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to appointment on Day 1. Follow low iodine diet for 2 weeks. Follow special instructions given at time of appointment booking. Follow doctor's instructions regarding medications. Bring list of all medications.	Day 1: 1st Visit 48 hour hospitalization return 10 days later for imaging Day 3: 3rd Visit 60 minutes
Bone Scan	No preparation	1st Visit 15 minutes return in 2-3 hours 2nd Visit 45-60 minutes
Parathyroid Scan	No preparation	1st Visit 60 minutes return in 1-2 hours 2nd Visit 60 minutes
White Blood Cell Scan	No preparation	30-45 minutes