

Parathyroid Scans

Parathyroid Scan

A parathyroid scan is used to take images of your parathyroid glands.

Your parathyroid glands are in your neck. They help your body keep the right amount of calcium.

You will have two sets of images taken during the scan. These images will show if there are any abnormal tissues inside the glands.

What To Tell Your Technologist

Tell your technologist if you:

- are pregnant, may be pregnant or nursing
- have any allergies
- are taking any medicines, including all prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins and natural or herbal supplements.

Before the Exam

- You may eat, drink and take your medicines as usual the day of your exam.
- Wear comfortable clothing without any metal. This includes zippers, buttons or snaps.
- Please bring your insurance card and a photo ID (such as a driver's license) with you to your exam.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill out any paperwork.

Your Appointment

Location: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____ a.m. / p.m.

Arrive at the Radiology Department 15 minutes before your exam.

Phone number: _____

If you need to cancel or reschedule, please call at least 24 hours before your scheduled appointment.

During the Exam

- A small amount of radioactive material will be injected into a vein in your arm. This will help your parathyroid glands show up on the scan.
- Ten minutes after the injection, you will lie on your back on the exam table.
- A camera will take images of your neck. This will take about 30 minutes. You will need to lie still.
- You may leave after your first set of images. You need to return in 3 ½ hours to have a second set of images taken. This will take another 30 minutes.

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After the Exam

- You may return to your normal activities.
- A radiologist will look at your images and give the results to your health care provider.
- Your health care provider will call you to talk about your results.