

# Biliary Scan

## PATIENT INFORMATION



Also known as: HIDA scan, Hepatobiliary scan, Gallbladder scan.

A Biliary scan is performed to assess the ability of the gallbladder to fill and empty as well as the function of the biliary tree.

### WHAT HAPPENS DURING A BILIARY SCAN?

Part 1: You will be positioned under the Gamma Camera and given a small injection of a radioactive tracer. This injection shouldn't make you feel any different and allows images to be taken of the biliary system. Images are commenced at the time of injection and are taken continuously for approximately one hour.

Part 2: Depending on the function of the gallbladder and the purpose of the scan, you may be given a meal replacement drink (Ensure Plus) followed by up to another one hour of continuous images. Occasionally, a low dose of Morphine may be used during the test.

Duration: The test usually takes approximately 2 hours. However, this test can take between 1-3 hours.

### ANY PREPARATION REQUIRED?

- ✓ You must fast for at least 8 hours prior to your scan and not longer than 10 hours.
- ✓ You may eat normally until your fasting time begins.
- ✓ Opiate medication (e.g. Endone) must be ceased more than 8 hours prior to the test.
- ✓ Please make staff aware if you are (or think you could be) pregnant, breast-feeding, claustrophobic and/or if you are the primary/sole carer for small children when you book your appointment.
- ✓ Bring any previous Nuclear Medicine scans or any other scans relating to the area of interest.



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