

Your doctor has referred you for a Nuclear Medicine Hida scan.

It is important that you read the enclosed booklet "Information about your Nuclear Medicine Test" with this leaflet.

What is a Hida Scan?

A HIDA scan is a simple test that lets us take pictures of your liver and bile duct.

Do I need to do any special preparation before the Hida Scan?

Please fast from midnight the night before your test

You may sip small amounts of water when fasting.

What does a Hida Scan involve?

A Hida scan involves an injection of a small amount of radioactive liquid into your arm. The injection lets us take pictures of your liver and bile duct. Immediately after the injection a gamma camera will take pictures of your abdomen.

The radioactive liquid used for this scan is manufactured and licensed in the United Kingdom (UK). If this is not available we will use a European Union (EU) licensed equivalent product. All products we use from the UK and EU are made to the same safety and quality standards.

How long does the scan last?

Scans typically last 60 minutes

Your appointment

If you can't make this appointment please tell us as soon as possible – we can arrange another appointment.

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

Where possible we try to avoid performing Hida scans on patients who are, or may be pregnant. Therefore please contact the department if you are:

- Pregnant
- Breast-feeding
- You think you could be pregnant

If you are booking transport through the Scottish Ambulance Service please contact them as soon as possible and advise them you will be in the department for approximately 2 hours.