

A thyroid scan shows the size and shape of your thyroid using a radioactive tracer. It also looks at the overall function of the thyroid.

Preparation

There is no preparation for this test.

Please let us know if you have diabetes, glaucoma, heart disease or any other serious illness.

Please advise staff if you are or could be pregnant or breast feeding.

Please bring a list of all medications and supplements you take.

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When you come for the test

When you arrive in the Nuclear Medicine Department you will be asked about your medical history and medications.

You will then be given an injection of a radioactive tracer by a qualified Nuclear Medicine technologist, there are no side effects from the injection.

You will have to wait 10-20 minutes after the injection and then you will be asked to lie down on the scanning bed and images of your thyroid will be taken.

A specialist will review your images.

In some cases extra images will be taken to obtain more detailed information. Once the required images are done the test is complete.

You may resume your normal activities, diet and medications after the test.

The radioactive tracer you were given is not harmful and it quickly disappears out of your body over the next couple of days through urine and the natural process of radioactivity decay.

The examination usually takes about 45 minutes.

It is safe?

Like all other Nuclear Medicine procedures, the amount of radiation used is extremely small, making this test very safe.

To ensure that we are providing you with the best service, at any stage of the examination if you have any questions or concerns, please ask our staff.

We also welcome any feedback.



Appointment

Please phone or SMS our friendly booking service on **1300 788 508** or request an appointment online www.canberraimaging.com.au

What to bring

Please bring the following items with you to your appointment:

- Your referral
- Any relevant films
- Medicare card
- Pension / Health Care card

Your results

Your doctor will receive fast and convenient electronic access to your reports and images. Canberra Imaging Group strongly advise that you return to your referring doctor in order for your doctor to discuss your results with you.