

HIDA SCANS

WHAT IS A HIDA SCAN?

A Hida Scan looks at the physiology of the hepatobiliary system (mainly the gallbladder). It is commonly used to diagnose cholecystitis, biliary leak, and biliary dyskinesia. In order to have a Hida Scan an injection is mandatory. You will receive a tiny intravenous injection of a radiopharmaceutical that is designed to go primarily to the liver, gallbladder and bowels.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR A HIDA SCAN?

Please do not eat, drink, or take any opiates (pain medicine such as Morphine) for 8 hours prior to the exam. If you are unsure of your medications, please contact your physician.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

HIDA PORTION

You will receive intravenous injection of a radiopharmaceutical that is designed to go primarily to the liver, gallbladder and bowels.

Then we will perform approximately 10 minutes of imaging.

This is followed by a 45 to 60 minute wait.

After the waiting period, we will take an image for 1 minute. If we can see your liver, gallbladder, and bowel in the image, this portion of the exam portion is complete. If the image is not satisfactory, we will repeat the short process until we get a satisfactory image.

CCK PORTION

At the beginning of this portion of the test, you will be given an injection that called CCK (or Cholecystokinin). This is injected slowly for 5 minutes while we take images. Then imaging is carried out for an additional 25 minutes.