

Gastrointestinal bleeding scintigraphy

This examination is used to locate the source of intestinal bleeding.

Please reserve approximately 1 to 6 hours for your visit.

If you are pregnant or suspect that you are pregnant, call the number listed in the arrival instructions. This examination is generally not carried out during pregnancy.

Before the examination

You may eat and drink as usual. Take your medication as usual.

During the examination

An intravenous catheter will be placed into your arm, and a small amount of radioactive tin compound will be administered via the cannula. The tin compound will attach to red blood cells.

About 20 minutes after this, another radioactive tracer will be administered via the cannula. This tracer will attach to the tin compound in the red blood cells. A scintigraphy scan of the abdomen will begin immediately after administering the tracer and it will take approximately an hour.

Additional scans may be performed every hour. The last scan may be performed in the morning following the examination day.

You will be lying down during the scans. The scans are painless.

After the examination

Drink plenty of water and empty your bladder more frequently than you normally would. This is to make sure that the radioactive tracer leaves your body.

After receiving the radioactive contrast agent, do not hold a child or remain in prolonged close contact with children for the remainder of the day.

Amma inte på 12 timmar efter att du fått undersökningsämnet. Pumpa ut mjölken i slutet av avbrottet, och håll bort den.

Other things to note

Please take your health insurance card (Kela card) or identity card with you.

Your attending physician will inform you of the test results. Please contact the unit responsible for your care if you do not already have a scheduled appointment or a phone consultation with your doctor.

You will not be charged for the examination separately. Cancel the appointment if you cannot come. If you do not cancel, you will be charged a fine.



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