

Lymphoscintigraphy, breast

This examination is used to locate sentinel lymph nodes. The examination does not provide information on the spread of the disease. Any sentinel lymph nodes found in this study will be resected for tissue sampling during your surgery.

Please reserve approximately 3 hours for your visit.

If you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant, call the number on the arrival instructions. This exam is generally not carried out on pregnant women.

Before the examination

Eat, drink, and take your medication as usual on the day of the examination.

Examination

A small amount of radioactive tracer will be administered subcutaneously near the tumor. The tracer will seek out the sentinel lymph nodes via the lymphatic system.

If the tumor has been marked with a wire (metal wire with barbed ends), the injection will be administered in the X-ray unit. In Eksote, the injection is given in the isotope unit.

If the tumor has been marked with a seed (tiny radioactive marker), the injection will be administered in the isotope unit.

Imaging begins 2 hours after the injection. The examination will take from 15 minutes.

You will be asked to lie on your back for the scans. Scanning is painless.

After the examination

If you breastfeed, you must stop breastfeeding for 4 hours after the radioactive tracer is administered. The milk expressed during this period must be poured down the drain.

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

Other things to note

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

You will receive the results of the examination from the doctor who treats you.

If you do not know how to find out the results, please contact the outpatient clinic or ward that referred you to this examination.

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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