

Salivary gland scintigraphy

The purpose of this examination is to determine the function of the salivary gland and to locate any tumours.

The examination usually takes about 1,5 hours.

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 contrast agent will be given via the catheter.

The tracer will collect in the salivary glands from where it will secrete into your mouth with saliva. The scintigraphy scan will begin immediately, and it will take about an hour.

During the imaging, you may receive a substance, for example lemon juice, to stimulate saliva flow, if necessary.

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.

If you breastfeed, you must stop breastfeeding for 12 hours after the radioactive tracer is administered. The milk expressed during this period must be poured down the drain.

Other things to note

Please take your Kela-card or identification 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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