

Scintigraphy of the spleen and accessory spleen

This examination studies the size, shape and location of the spleen, and the number of accessory spleens.

The examination usually takes about 1 to 1,5 hours.

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

Preparation for examination

You may eat, drink and take your medication as usual.

Examination

A cannula will be placed in a vein on your arm. A small amount of radioactive tracer is administered via the cannula. The scan will begin about 20 minutes after administering the tracer, and it will take 30 to 60 minutes.

You will be lying down during the scan. The scanning is 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.

If you breastfeed, you must stop breastfeeding for 24 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 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.

