

Cancer Work-up

Department of the test: Nuclear Medicine (NM)

Purpose of the test:

To evaluate the tumor in your body.

Notes before the test:

1. You will have some radiation in this test.
2. Preparation before your test is not required.
3. Please don't bring pregnant women or children with you.
We don't want to expose them to unnecessary radiation.

Procedure of the test

1. Please check in first at our NM service counter.
2. You will have a bolus of radioactive tracer injected into your veins by our NM physician.
3. After a 10-15 minute break, pictures are taken for 30-60 minutes by NM technologists.
4. You will be given another 2-hour break and come back for delayed pictures.
5. Please don't move during these pictures.

Total duration of the test: About 3-4 hours with a 2-hour break.

Adverse drug effect of the test: Very rare.