

Lymphoscintigram

Department of the test: Nuclear Medicine (NM)

Purpose of the test: To evaluate possible metastatic lymph node of patients with malignancy; or to evaluate lymphedema of extremity.

Notes before the test:

1. You will have some radiation in this test.
2. Please don't bring pregnant woman or children with you. We don't want to expose them to unnecessary radiation.

On the day of the test:

1. Please check in first at NM service counter.
2. You will be asked to lie down on the imaging bed. NM physician will make intra-dermal or sub-dermal injections with small amount of radiotracers.
3. Immediate image acquisition will begin.
4. It takes about one to two hours for pictures of your lymphatic drainage. Please don't move while acquiring images.

Total duration of the test: About one to two hours.

Adverse drug effect of the test: Very rare.