

Parathyroid scan

Department of the test: Nuclear Medicine (NM)

Purpose of the test:

To test the level of suspicious anomaly of the parathyroid glands.

Notes before the test:

1. You will receive some radiation in the test.
2. Preparation before your test is not required.

On the day of the test:

1. Please check in first at NM service counter.
2. NM physician will ask you a few questions of medical history.
3. Pictures will be taken after an injection of some radioactive tracer in your veins.
4. You will be given a 2-hour break and asked to return for delayed pictures.
5. Pictures will be taken by NM technologists. Please don't move during these pictures.

Total duration of the test: About 40 minutes for each imaging with a 2-hour break.

Adverse drug effect of the test: Very rare.