

Abdomen scan for G-I bleeding

Department of the test: Nuclear Medicine (NM)

Purpose of the test: To determine if you are bleeding from your intestines and determine the location of the bleeding source.

Notes before the test:

1. You will have some radiation in this 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. You will have a blood labeling agent injected into your veins by NM physician.
3. After 20 minutes, a blood sample will be taken for labeling with radioactive tracer.
4. After a few minutes, you will be given a bolus of radiolabeled blood injected into your veins. Pictures will be taken immediately by NM technologist.
5. Please don't move during these pictures.

Total duration of the test: At least 2 hours, sometimes 4-5 hours.

Adverse drug effect of the test: Very rare.