

Tc-99m Thyroid Scan

Department of the test: Nuclear Medicine (NM)

Purpose of the test:

To determine the size, shape and position of your thyroid gland, detect lumps and bumps in the thyroid gland, or detect ectopic thyroid tissue.

Notes before the therapy:

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. You will have some radioactive tracer injected in to your veins by NM physician.
3. You will be given a break for 15 minutes before the pictures.
4. After the break, pictures will be taken for 20 minutes by NM technologists. Please don't move during these pictures.

Total duration of the test: About 1 hour.

Adverse drug effect of the test: very rare.