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Hepatobiliary Scan

Appointment: Date and Time: _____, _____, 20____ at _____ AM PM

Register: in Radiology Registration Area on the second floor.

Park in the East Parking Garage for Radiology or, if you prefer, you may use the valet parking services.

What information will this give my doctor? This test is designed to look specifically at how your gallbladder is working.

What do I need to know before I get there? The day of the test, you need to have nothing to eat or drink 4-6 hours prior to your appointment time. Also if you are taking pain medications that are narcotics, such as morphine or oxycodone, you need to stop taking them six hours prior to your appointment. Ask your doctor about any blood pressure medication that you are currently taking.

How long will it take? When you arrive at the Nuclear Medicine Department, you will be placed in one of our imaging rooms and made comfortable. A technologist will start an IV and give you an injection of a radioactive tracer. This tracer has no side effects. We will then take pictures for 1 hour. If the gallbladder visualizes within the 1st hour, we may give you an injection of CCK, which causes your gallbladder to contract and allows us to measure how much it empties. After the CCK injection we will image for 30 minutes.

If we are not able to visualize your gallbladder, we may give you an injection of a small amount of morphine and take pictures for another 30 minutes after the first hour of imaging. Be prepared to stay for about 2 hours or more for this test. If this step is needed, you may require someone to drive you home.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call and speak with one of the nuclear medicine technologists at 314-205-6518. Thank you.

*This information is not intended to replace an informed discussion between you and your physician, but is intended to give you a general idea of what the testing involves.