

HIDA (HEPATOBIILIARY) SCAN

Purpose:

To evaluate liver/gallbladder function.

How long will this procedure take?

Allow 1 to 2 hours.

Preparation:

Nothing to eat or drink after midnight.

Procedure:

You will be lying on a table with the camera over your abdominal area while you are given an IV injection of a radioactive isotope. This will be absorbed by the liver and excreted into the gallbladder and then into the small bowel, similarly to bile. Several images are taken over a 60 minute period. The films are reviewed by a radiologist while you wait; delayed films are sometimes necessary. If your physician has ordered the test with CCK stimulation, the radiologist will inject Kinevac which causes the gallbladder to contract. You may experience some abdominal cramping or nausea, but this should pass in about 5 minutes. Images are taken for an additional 60 minutes.

After the examination:

The radiologist will study your films and dictate a report that will be sent to your physician within 24 hours.