

LIVER/SPLEEN SCAN

Purpose:

To evaluate overall function of liver and spleen, and to evaluate size or defects, cysts, tumors.

How long will this procedure take?

Allow 30 to 45 minutes.

Preparation:

None.

You will be asked to remove any clothing containing snaps, zippers, buttons, jewelry, etc.

Procedure:

You will be given an IV injection of a radioactive isotope and wait 10 to 15 minutes until the isotope localizes within the liver and spleen. You will lie on a table while the camera rotates around you, taking seven views. Each view takes several minutes to acquire.

After the examination:

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