

MECKEL'S SCAN

Purpose:

To evaluate ectopic gastric mucosa (extra stomach tissue) and acid producing cells found in the stomach and small intestine; to visualize diverticula (bowel pouches).

How long will this procedure take?

This exam takes approximately 1½ hour.

Preparation:

1. Nothing by mouth after midnight.
2. This exam must be performed prior to, or four days following, any imaging studies requiring oral contrast.

Procedure:

You will be positioned on a table where the technologist injects a radioactive isotope into a vein in your arm. Immediately after injection, the camera will take images of the stomach and intestines.

After the examination:

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