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What Should I Expect From My Scan?

Upon arrival to the Center, you will be asked to complete the necessary paperwork to begin the procedure. Be sure to bring your insurance cards with you to ensure accurate billing.

After having the procedure explained to you, you will receive an intravenous injection of a radioactive tracer and relax comfortably for 60 to 90 minutes, allowing this tracer to circulate throughout your body. The tracer will not make you feel any different. We provide warm blankets to ensure your comfort during the procedure.

The technologist will escort you into the scanning room where you will lie on a padded table. Again, warm blankets are available for your comfort as well as soothing music. The table will move slowly through the scanner as it acquires the images. It is very important that you hold still during the 25 to 35 minutes of scan time. Consult your physician if you feel this could be a problem.

If your physician requested an additional CT scan with contrast, you will be asked to lie on the table for an additional 5 to 10 minutes while the CT portion of the study is being acquired.

Upon completion of your exam, we have light snacks and juice available for you to eat while your images are being verified by the technologist.

You should plan to be at the imaging center for a total of 2-1/2 hours.

Your physician will receive a written report within 24 to 48 hours after completion of the study.