

Appointment Date: _____

Time: _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Imaging Services (Radiology)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

A thyroid uptake scan evaluates the function and anatomy of the thyroid gland.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The examination will take place over a two-day period.

Day One:

- First visit – you will be given an iodine capsule to swallow and asked to return in four – six hours. Please plan on being in the department for approximately 30 minutes.
- Second visit – uptake and images will be acquired at this time. Please plan to be in the department approximately one hour.

Day Two:

- You will need to return for the second phase of the uptake. Please plan to be in the department for approximately 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- Do not have anything to eat or drink after midnight the day prior to your exam.
- Do not take any vitamins for one week prior to your exam.
- In the past two months, you cannot have had a CT or X-ray containing dye.

NOTE: This scan involves the administration of radioactive materials. The scans are not routinely performed on women who are pregnant or breast feeding.

Blood work should always be drawn before X-rays are performed. If you are having blood work, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment. Please arrive on time for your radiology exam.

AFTER THE EXAM

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call Nuclear Medicine at 330-363-6204 weekdays between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6th Street. Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Imaging Services/Radiology (7th Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.