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NUCLEAR MEDICINE THYROID SCAN

**Your appointment
Date:**

Time:

Patient Preparation:
**May need to withhold some
medications (see chart).**

Time for Examination:
Approx. 1 hour.

Please Bring:
**All previous Imaging including
Nuclear Medicine Scans, X-
rays, US, CT and MRI studies.**

Location:

**Calvary Hospital
X-Ray Department
89 Strangways Tc
North Adelaide SA 5006**

Parking:

Free on-street parking is avail-
able (1hour, 2 hour and all day).
Please take note of parking time
limits as this area is patrolled by
council.

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Your doctor has recommended that you have a Nuclear Medicine Thyroid Scan.

Some medications may interfere with the Thyroid scan. Prior to your study they may need to be withdrawn. This will be discussed with you and your doctor at the time of your booking. The following chart can be used as a guideline:

TYPE OF MEDICATION	WITHDRAWAL PERIOD
intravenous contrast / dye (Like that used for CT scans and some X-Ray procedures)	With recent exposure wait 4 weeks before performing the nuclear scan
Iodine - kelp, some multivitamin preparations	4 weeks
Anti thyroid drugs: carbimazole (neomercazole), propylthiouracil	Do not withdraw, but please inform us if you are on these medications
Cardiac medication: amiodarone (cordarone X , aratac)	Do not withdraw, but please inform us if you are on this medication
T4 (Thyroxine/roxine)/Thyroid extract	4 weeks
T3 (Tertroxine)	1 week

The Thyroid scan involves a small injection of a radioactive medication into a vein (usually in your arm). There are no side-effects to the injection.

A scan of your neck area will be taken approximately 15 minutes after the injection. For the scan you will be lying on a bed with your neck extended. A large camera is positioned above your neck. This is a painless procedure and will take approximately 20 minutes. After the scan you can resume all medications.

This study is unsuitable for pregnant women. Breast-feeding mothers can have a Nuclear Medicine Thyroid Scan but will be required to express and discard their breast milk for 24 hours after the injection.

**For more information please contact:
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