



Liver-Spleen Scan

What is it?

A Liver-Spleen scan is a test to examine the liver and/or the spleen for abnormalities. This test shows how these organs are functioning, and can also assess their size and shape. Other tests such as ultrasound and CT cannot assess the function of these organs.

What do I need to do before the procedure?

Make sure you remember to bring any previous films or reports to the appointment. Wear warm comfortable clothing. You will also need to:

- **Medications** - take your medications as normal
- **Advise of pregnancy or breastfeeding** - let the service know if you are pregnant or breastfeeding

What will happen?

A small injection is given into a vein and allowed to circulate for 15 minutes. Pictures of the liver and spleen are then taken on a special camera for up to 45 minutes. It is important that you lie still and breathe normally while the scan is being done.

What can I expect after?

There are no after-effects from having a liver-spleen scan. Once it is finished, you can go home. You are able to drive immediately after the test. Your results will be sent to your GP or specialist.

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