



Pullman Regional Hospital Nuclear Medicine Department

What is a Gallium Scan?

A Gallium Scan is done to assess fevers of unknown origin, inflammation, abscesses, lymphomas, tumors, and osteomyelitis.

Before your scan

There is no special preparation for this procedure.

During your scan

Once you are registered and checked in at the Outpatient Services desk, a technologist will come out to greet you and bring you into the department. The technologist will explain your test and answer any questions you might have.

The technologist then will place an IV in your arm and inject you with an imaging tracer called Gallium 67 citrate. There are no side effects from this tracer. After the injection you will be asked to return in 4 hours for the first body scan. This scan will take approximately 30 minutes. You will then be asked to return at 24 hours after the injection to repeat the body scan. The radiologist will examine the images and let you know if you need to return for 48 and/or 72 hour delay scans.

After your scan

You can resume your regular activities with no restrictions. The technologist will not be able to give you any results; however, the results should be available to the doctor who ordered your test within one to two business days.

Thank you

We are honored that you have chosen Pullman Regional Hospital to serve your healthcare needs.