



Pullman Regional Hospital Nuclear Medicine Department

What is a HIDA Scan?

A HIDA Scan is a scan of the gallbladder to evaluate its function. It is usually done on patients who have abdominal pain, jaundice, cramping and/or vomiting. This scan can also be done to look for a leak in the bile duct after surgery or to look for abnormal development of the biliary system on small infants.

Before your scan

You will need to eat a light meal 2-4 hours prior to your appointment time. Do not eat anything after this meal. Please tell the technologist about any pain medication you are taking and when you last took it.

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 will then place an IV into your arm and ask you to lie down on the imaging table. The technologist will inject an imaging tracer into the IV and the camera will image you for 1 hour. The imaging tracer does not cause any side effects.

After 1 hour of imaging you will be given a medication called Kinevac (CCK) through your existing IV. This drug will cause the gallbladder to contract and may cause mild nausea and cramping for a short period of time. We will image for 1 hour observing the gallbladder's response to the Kinevac (CCK).

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.