



Pullman Regional Hospital Nuclear Medicine Department

What is a Meckel's Scan?

A Nuclear Medicine Meckel's scan is performed to look for the presence of ectopic gastric mucosa in the large bowel. If this condition exists it can cause pain in the abdomen and blood in the stool.

Before your scan

You must be NPO or without food for at least 4-6 hours prior to your appointment.

This test cannot be scheduled within 48 hours of a barium radiographic study.

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 exam will be explained and any questions you might have will be answered at this time.

An IV will be placed in your arm in order to give you the radio tracer. There are no side effects to this imaging tracer. You will lie down on the imaging table and be scanned for 1 hour, then asked to empty your bladder and scanned for an additional 5-10 minutes.

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.