



Nuclear Medicine: Cisternogram Procedure

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What is a Cisternogram procedure?

A Cisternogram is used to evaluate the flow of Cerebral Spinal Fluid throughout the spine and brain.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Preparation:

1. Nothing to eat or drink 6 hours prior to the exam.
2. No aspirin 10 days prior to the exam.

Procedure:

1. Once you arrive, a Nuclear Medicine Technologist will interview you and a medical history will be obtained.
2. You will be taken to a fluoroscopy room at which time a radiologist will place a spinal needle in the lower back.
3. A small amount of radiotracer will be administered.
4. You will then be taken to the Angio Post-op area and will remain for 2 hours.
5. Imaging will begin 4 hours after injection and last approximately 40 minutes. Additional imaging will occur 24, 48, 72, and possibly 96 hours post- injection.

Parking/Registration:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Ave. SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to "Radiology (X-Ray)," also located on Ground (G) level.

Procedure Results (Who interprets the results):

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician time to review these results, usually 2 business days after the exam.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

Procedure time: _____ (Please arrive 15 minutes early)

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