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Nuclear Medicine: Liver/Spleen Scan for Hemangioma

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What is a Liver/Spleen Scan for Hemangioma?

A Nuclear Medicine liver blood pool scan is a diagnostic exam used to detect or rule out a hemangioma or non-cancerous growth in the liver.

Preparation:

There is no preparation for the liver blood pool scan, however if you have recently had a barium study, the liver blood pool scan may not be scheduled for a few days as the barium could interfere with the liver images.

PLEASE BRING A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING.

Procedure:

1. Upon arrival, a nuclear medicine technologist will obtain a brief history from you.
2. A small amount (2-3 milliliters) of blood will be drawn from a vein in your arm.
3. The blood will be labeled with a radiotracer so that it can be seen on the images. This will take approximately 25 minutes.
4. Once labeled, you will be re-injected while under the camera and images will start. The imaging time will be approximately 45 minutes to complete.

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: _____

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