



## **Nuclear Medicine: Liver/Spleen Scan**

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### **What is a Liver/Spleen Scan?**

A Nuclear Medicine liver/spleen scan is a diagnostic exam used to evaluate the size of the liver and/or spleen. It is used to evaluate for various liver/spleen diseases.

### **Preparation:**

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

### **Procedure:**

1. Upon arrival, a nuclear medicine technologist will obtain a brief history from you.
2. A radiotracer will be injected into a vein in your arm.
3. 15 minutes after injection, you will be asked to lie on the imaging table while images will be performed. The imaging process will last 45-60 minutes.

### **PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:**

**A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY**

**A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING**

### **Parking/Registration:**

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> 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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