

Thyroid Scan

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Your doctor recommended you for a Thyroid scan. This scan uses a small amount of radioactive material. The level of radioactivity used is extremely low and has no side effects.

How do I prepare for my scan?

- Stop taking all thyroid medications.
- Ask your doctor any questions you may have about the scan

What happens during my scan?

- We will inject a small amount of a radioactive substance into a vein.
- Ten minutes later, we will position you on an imaging table, under a special detector called a gamma camera. The camera does not produce any radiation and will not cause any pain or discomfort.
- We will take images of your thyroid gland for about an hour.

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