

# Lymphatic Scan for Breast Cancer

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**Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breast feeding.**

You have scheduled a Lymphatic study which involves the use of 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 study?**

- None for this procedure, however if your surgery is for the same day, please follow the surgery preparation instructions.

## **What will happen during my study?**

- We will position you on an imaging table, under a special detector called a gamma camera. The camera does not produce any radiation. It will be placed close to the part of your body being imaged.
- We will inject you in the skin around the areola with a series of small injections (usually 3) with a small amount of radioactive material. These injections can burn and sting temporarily.
- We will take painless images approximately 1-4 hours later. This will take 20 minutes.

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