

Lymphatic Scan for Melanoma

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

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 around the area of concern (skin lesion) with a series of small injections (usually 4) with a small amount of radioactive material.
- We will take painless images for approximately one hour. Delayed imaging 2 to 3 hours later may be taken of the surrounding lymph nodes.
- You may also receive a CT scan as part of the imaging procedure to help your doctors read the study

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