

Lymphatic Scan for Lymphedema

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

You have scheduled a Lymphatic study. This study uses a small amount of radioactive material. The level of radioactivity used is extremely low and has no side effects.

What will happen during my study?

1. We will inject you with a small amount of radioactive material.
 - If you have legs swelling, we will inject the tops of your feet.
 - If you have hand swelling we will inject the tops of your hands.

2. We will take images 20 minutes after the injections.
 - We will position you on an imaging table, under a special detector called a gamma camera. The camera will be close to the part of your body being imaged. The camera does not produce any radiation and will not cause any pain or discomfort.

3. We will take images again either 1 or 2 hours later. Delayed imaging 3 to 4 hours later may be done if necessary.

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