

Liver/Spleen Scan



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Nuclear Medicine Supplement:

Please read the pamphlet: **Nuclear Medicine Scans BCCH1097** before this sheet.

Why is the test done?

- To find out the size, shape, and position of the liver or spleen.
- To find damaged or abnormal areas.
- To make sure that a treatment is not harming the liver/spleen.

What happens during the test?

Your child will lie on the bed and have an intravenous (IV) injection. The scan will take 45-60 minutes. For 20 minutes of this time, your child must keep both arms above his/her head. Please phone the Nuclear Medicine Department if your child can't do this for any reason.

What are the side effects?

Your child's blood will be radioactive for up to 24 hours after the injection. Wear gloves if there is any chance you may touch the blood. Wash your hands well.