

Patient History – Biliary Scan

Why am I having this test?

Your doctor has referred you to us for a radionuclide biliary scan. This is a simple test which is usually carried out to assess the function of your gallbladder.

How will this be done?

One of our technologists will give you an intravenous injection of a small amount of radioactive liquid which will show the bile moving from your liver to your gallbladder and into your gut. The radiation dose is very small and reactions are virtually unknown.

You will be required to lie on a table with the camera over you for a minimum of 45 minutes.

In some cases you may require another injection to help your gallbladder to empty, and this will take another 45 minutes.

In some cases intravenous morphine will be injected to assist the gallbladder in emptying.

Preparation

No food or drink for 6 hours before the study.

Please give details about the following

Your name _____ Weight _____

Briefly describe your symptoms and their duration, or the reason for the test. _____

Have you had recent ultrasound or a previous biliary scan? _____

If you have had an operation on your gallbladder give details: _____

Have you ever had cancer, any radiotherapy or chemotherapy? If so, when was your last treatment?

Are you pregnant or breast feeding? _____

Are you allergic to morphine? _____
