


EXAM: NUC. MED. OCTREOSCAN Imaging Department 330-596-7700 Scheduling 330-596-7187	 ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL <i>Experience Health Caring</i>
INDICATIONS:	If the patient has specific questions the patient should contact their physician. This exam is helpful in detection of many types of tumors. It can be used for assessment prior to and after surgical procedures.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS:	A barium study cannot be done prior to this exam. If one is done, then 72 hours needs to pass before scheduling this exam. Patient who has recently (48 hours) had a technetium based nuclear scan performed. Patients with severely impaired renal function. The table weight limit is 400-500lbs.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for registration and insurance purposes. The exam will take approximately 2-3 days to complete.
PREPARATION:	It is helpful for the patient to take a mild laxative before each day of scanning. Patient should drink plenty of fluids leading up to exam and in between days of scanning. Patient should eat light meals and having nothing to eat or drink for 8-12 hours prior to each scanning session.
PRECAUTIONS:	If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breastfeeding, make sure the doctor is aware and risks are explained. Mothers that are breastfeeding should consider pumping enough to be used for two days.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	None
WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:	<p>The patient will arrive at the hospital and enter at the main entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the patient is not pre-registered, the patient will need to stop in the first office on the right, just pass the waterfalls, to complete the required paperwork. The patient should have a copy of the doctor's order. - If the patient is pre-registered, the patient will go pass the waterfall, down the hall, pass the second circle on the floor, to the imaging comfort area. The patient will report in to register and review insurance. The patient should have a copy of the doctor's orders as a precaution. <p>The patient will be brought back to the department where we will confirm the patient's identity, explain the procedure, and review their history. An IV will be started. An injection of octreoscan (radioisotope) will be administered through the IV. The patient will return 4 hours post injection. The patient will then be placed on the imaging table with a gamma camera placed as required over the body. Several images will be obtained for approximately 1 ½ hours. The patient will return at 24 hours, 48 hours, and maybe 72 hours post injection for the same images. The study is completed after the images have been taken. At this time the patient will be allowed to leave. No precautions need to be taken other than limiting contact with children less than 3 years of age for the next 24 hours.</p> <p>NOTE. This material will be out of their systems in 28 days. The material will not cause any side effects. A written report will be sent and usually takes 1-2 working days.</p>