

Patient information

Information about your kidney scan



“Hi! I’m Ned the Nuclear Med Ted.”

“I’m here to tell you all about your nuclear medicine kidney scan.”

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Before you come to the nuclear medicine department, you will visit the Rainbow ward. First, some special cream will be put on your arm or hand; this will make it go a little numb.

It takes a little while for this cream to work, so you may get time to play in the department. **“Hooray!”**

When the area on your arm or hand is numb, a nurse will give you a very small injection. He or she will then leave a very tiny tube in your arm called a cannula, held in place with a sticker.

The nurse will give you another sticker for being good and sitting still!

“I loved getting my sticker!”



You will then go to a different department and meet some other people in the nuclear medicine department.

One of us will put some special medicine through the cannula. This will make your kidneys show up on the scan. Once this is done, we will take the cannula out and give you a bright colourful plaster.



“Do you like the colourful plaster I have here?”

You can then leave the department for two hours.

“You can eat, drink or play like I did!”

After the two hours you will have your pictures taken. For the first picture the camera is under the table that you lay on. It will not move, and it is very quiet while the pictures are taken. A special person, like Mum or Dad, can stay with you the whole time.

“How good are you at keeping still? Do you think you can lay as still me?”



It is **very** important that you lay nice and still for your pictures to be taken, so we can get the pictures.



For the second picture we will move the camera into a different position. The cameras will make a little sound as they move, but as for the first picture, they will not move or make any sound while the pictures are taken.

Once all the pictures have been taken, you can go home!



“Bye!”

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