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Patient Prep & Instruction Manual

Scheduled Test: Hepatobiliary (Gallbladder) Scan

Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: Nuclear Medicine Division of the Radiology Department, 3rd floor
Donner Building

Purpose: To evaluate the gallbladder and biliary ducts for obstruction.

Preparation: Ingest nothing by mouth for six hours prior to the test.

What to Expect: A small amount of a radioactive tracer will be injected in one of the veins located in your arm. The liver will excrete the tracer into the biliary tree.

You will be lying down comfortably on your back for the test while a Gamma Camera, positioned over your abdomen, takes images for a minimum of 60 minutes.

A Radiologist will evaluate your scan and may request additional images to accurately rule out or confirm an obstruction.

After Care: You may resume your normal lifestyle.

If you have any questions about your scheduled test, please contact the Nuclear Medicine Department at 215-662-3076.