



Otsego Memorial Hospital Radiology
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You are scheduled for an examination of your Liver and Gallbladder (HIDA)

On _____ at _____ a.m. / p.m.

A Hepatobiliary scan (HIDA) is a Nuclear Medicine procedure that evaluates the function of your gallbladder.

Location: Radiology Department at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

Register in the main lobby of OMH and you will receive directions to the Radiology Department.

Arrival Time: Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time.

How long will it take: The exam can take up to 4 hours, but usually lasts 2 hours.

How to prepare for the test: Nothing to eat or drink for 4 hours prior to your test, also no pain medication for 12 hours prior to your test.

During the exam:

- An IV lock will be placed in your arm (or hand) through which a radioactive isotope (Technetium Choletec) will be injected (no side effects from the injection).
- You will then be placed on a bed (laying comfortably on your back) with a Nuclear Medicine camera over your abdomen for 60 minutes.
- If the gallbladder is visualized in that 60 minutes the second phase will be started which lasts for another 30 minutes.
- During the second phase you will receive another injection consisting of Kinevac, which stimulates the gallbladder to contract. With this injection you can get minor nausea, cramping, or flushing. Once this portion of the test is done the exam is finished.
- **IF** during the first 60 minutes the gallbladder is not visualized then delay pictures will be taken every 30 minutes until it is seen (not to exceed 4 hours total).

After the exam: There are no restrictions or side effects after the test is complete.

Will it hurt? Aside from the usually minor symptoms associated with the Kinevac injection there is no pain involved.

Risks: None. The radiation exposure from the isotope used for imaging is very low.

Please be sure to advise us if:

- There is a chance you may be pregnant.
- You need to reschedule your appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the Radiology Department at (989) 731-2175.