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CARDIOLOGY CLINIC

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Appointment:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nuclear Medicine Thyroid Scan

What is a Thyroid Scan?

Nuclear Medicine thyroid scanning plays an important role in learning about a patient's thyroid disorders. It can measure the size and shape of the thyroid gland and the presence of a nodule (lump.).

Special Note

Before the exam, please inform your physician if you are or think you may be pregnant.

Preparation

Please bring you medication list with you to your exam. There is no specific preparation for this test.

How is the Procedure Performed?

You will receive an injection of a small amount of radioactive material into a vein in the arm. There is a 30 minute wait, and then images will be taken. You will be asked to lie on your back and a specialized gamma camera will be centered over your neck while images of your thyroid are recorded. These images will take approximately 8 to 10 minutes each. The total imaging time is approximately 30 minutes.

Nuclear Medicine

It is important that you understand your thyroid testing procedure. We encourage you to ask any questions of your doctor, nurse or Nuclear Medicine personnel.

Who interprets the results and how do I get them?

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician the time needed to review these results.

Important Billing Information

If you are unable to keep your testing appointment, you must contact UnityPoint Health-Cardiology Clinic 24 hours prior to your test time. Scheduled testing appointments that are missed or cancelled without the 24 hour advance notice may be subject to charges for pharmaceuticals or supplies specifically ordered for your test.