

UnityPoint Health - Finley Hospital Radiology Patient/Family Information
Nuclear Medicine Renal Scan

What is a Renal Exam?

A Nuclear Medicine renal scan is a diagnostic scan used to detect or rule out kidney disease.

Special Note

Before the exam, please tell your doctor if you are or think you may be pregnant or are nursing.

Preparation

Please bring your medication list with you to your exam.

Depending on your physician's request, you may be instructed to not take some of your medications for a determined number of days before your exam.

You will also be asked to drink extra water. 1 hour before the exam time = 16 ounces of water

You may also be instructed not to eat for 4 hours before the exam time.

What Happens During the Test?

A Nuclear Medicine technologist will perform the exam.

1. You will be given an injection in a vein in your arm and images will be done immediately after the injection. The images take approximately 30 minutes.
2. A second set of images will be done and this time we will inject Lasix along with the radioactive material. The images will take approximately 30 minutes. When imaging is completed, you will be allowed to leave.

When Will I Know the Results?

The radiologist will review and interpret the scan shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss these results with you.

Please allow your physician the time needed to review these results.

Name: _____

Exam Date/Time: _____