

Information for patients having a lung scan

Your Doctor has advised you that a lung scan is necessary to assist with their diagnosis as part of your treatment. This scan will be carried out in the Nuclear Medicine Department, which is part of the Radiology Unit. On arrival in X-ray please report to Reception, they will direct you to the Nuclear Medicine Department.

The test involves no discomfort, apart from a small injection in the arm (similar to having a blood test).

You will not feel anything during the scan, and there are no after effects.

You will either be asked to lie on a scanning couch which moves beneath a scanner, or sit in front of a large scanner. The scanner takes pictures of your Lungs. You do not have to hold your breath, each picture takes approximately three minutes to complete.

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You DO NOT have to go into a tunnel.

If you have any other concerns or in the event that this appointment is not convenient, please contact the Department on the above number as soon as possible.

Our commitment to confidentiality

We keep personal and clinical information about you to ensure you receive appropriate care and treatment. Everyone working in the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential. We will always ask you for your consent if we need to use information that identifies you. We will share information with other parts of the NHS to support your healthcare needs, and we will inform your GP of your progress unless you ask us not to. You can help us by pointing out any information in your records which is wrong or needs updating.

If you have any questions you may want to ask about your condition or treatment, or anything you do not understand or wish to know more about, write them down and your doctor will be more than happy to try and answer them for you.