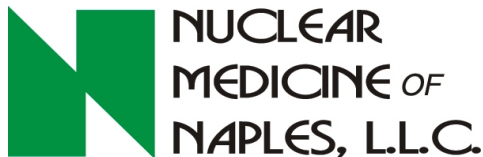
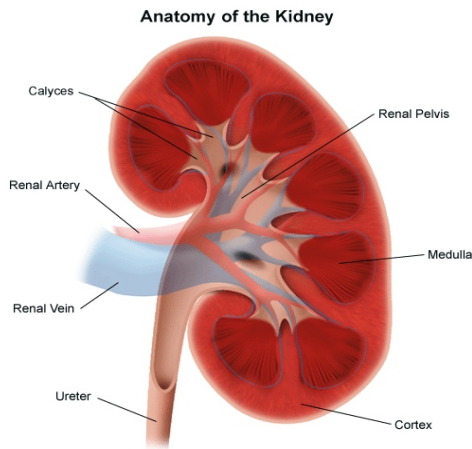


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# RENAL SCAN with or without LASIX

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## WHAT IS A RENAL SCAN?

The Renal Scan involves a 30 - 45 minute imaging session of your kidneys to evaluate function and possible obstruction along the urinary tract.

The images demonstrate the flow of blood to the kidney, overall kidney function, and clearance of urine into the bladder.

Lasix may be used in order to help determine the presence and significance of a urinary tract obstruction.

This test is used to assist your physician in determining if you may have Renal Disease, the relative function of each kidney or a transplanted kidney, of the possibility of a urinary tract obstruction.

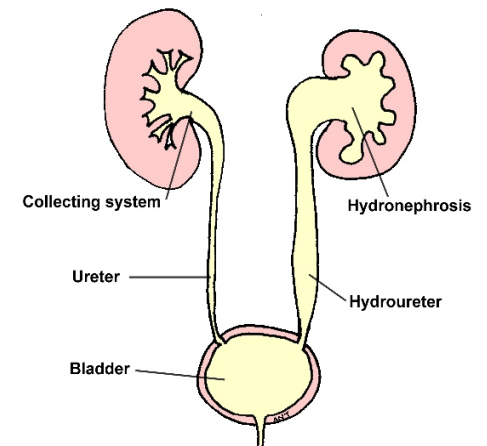
## HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR IT?

The Renal Scan test usually lasts around 1 hour. You will be informed of the schedule by your doctor's office or at the time of booking your appointment with our office.

**You should not eat 2 hours prior to your appointment (diabetics excluded). However, you should increase your fluid intake and drink more than usual.**

There are no special clothing requirements.

Your Physician may decide to temporarily discontinue certain medications prior to the test. These are discontinued because they may offset the effectiveness of the test. **DO NOT STOP any medication on your own without checking with your physician.** If you were informed by your physician to stop any medication, you may resume taking your medications at your next scheduled time, that night or the next morning following the test.



# WHAT CAN I EXPECT DURING THE TEST?

Upon arrival you will check in with the receptionist. Please have the requisition form your doctor provided you with. We will also need to make a copy of your insurance cards.

Prior to the test, you will meet with the technologist who will be performing your test. He or she can explain the entire procedure before it begins.

Prior to the first set of pictures being taken, a small intravenous is inserted into a vein of your arm which will allow for both injections of the imaging agent and the Lasix if required.

You will then lie down on a bed and images of the kidneys will be taken which will last 30 minutes.

The images of your kidneys will be processed, read by the radiologist and a report will be sent within 24 hours.

Your physician will notify you of the results.

# ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

## How long will the test last? Why?

Up to 1 hour.

## Are there any side effects?

Side effects to the radiopharmaceutical are *extremely* rare.

There can be mild side effects to Lasix including orthostatic hypotension.

## Will I be able to drive after the test? Yes.

## Are there any adverse reactions?

An adverse reaction to the radiopharmaceutical is extremely rare. **IT IS NOT A DYE, IT CONTAINS NO IODINE.**

You may be allergic to Lasix. Please inform your doctor or our facility prior to a Lasix Renogram study.

## Are there any contraindications?

If you are pregnant or there is a possibility you may be, or if you are breast-feeding, the test may be inappropriate for you at this time.

## Will I be Enclosed within the Scanning Machine?

No. Your head will not be placed under the machine at any time.

## YOUR APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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