

## Nuclear Medicine

# Your Child's Hepatobiliary & Gall Bladder Scan

### **WHAT IS THE SCAN FOR?**

The test is to look at the function of your child's liver and gall bladder.

### **IS THE SCAN SAFE?**

Yes. We will make sure that the amount of radiation your child receives is as small as possible. The radioactivity leaves the body very quickly and it will not make them feel sick or sleepy.

### **DO WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE SCAN?**

Your child can eat and drink normally and keep taking any medicines.

### **WHAT DOES THE SCAN INVOLVE?**

Your child will lie under a special camera. They will be given a small injection in their arm to allow us to take pictures of their liver and gall bladder. The injection will contain a small amount of a radioactive liquid. It is harmless with no side effects. The pictures will take about an hour. Your child can watch a video or have a story read to them while we take the pictures. Occasionally, we may need to take some extra pictures up to 3 hours later. Once they have had their injection, if they need to go to the toilet, they will need to use our special patient toilet – please ask at reception for the door code. It's important that they sit down while using this toilet.

### **HOW LONG WILL WE BE AT THE HOSPITAL?**

Please allow about an hour and a half for your child's appointment although, if we need to take an extra picture, it may take up to four hours.

### **WHAT CAN WE DO AFTER THE SCAN?**

Your child can carry on with their usual daily activities.

### **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RESULTS OF THE SCAN?**

We are not able to give you the results of the test on the day of your appointment. A report will go to the doctor who asked for the test. The doctor will arrange for you to get the results.

### **WHO CAN COME TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH YOUR CHILD?**

We ask that a maximum of 2 adults accompany your child. Please do not bring other children.

### **WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SCAN?**

Please ring us on the number above and we will try to answer any questions or concerns that you have.