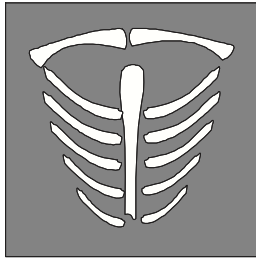
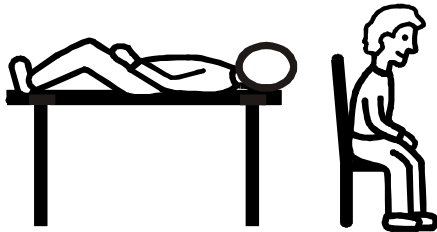


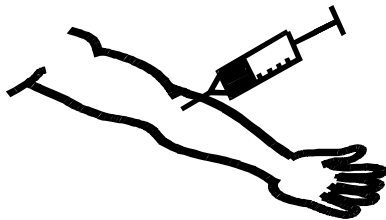
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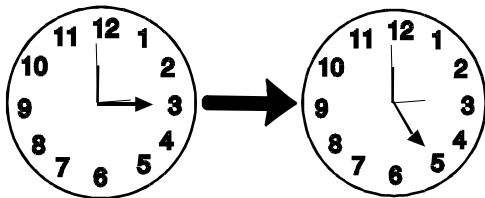
A machine will take pictures of the inside of your body.



You will be asked to lie on a bed or sit in a chair.



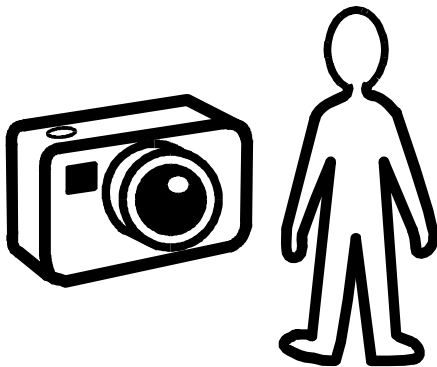
The doctor will give you an injection in your arm.



You will have to wait a couple of hours.



Drink lots of water.



A special camera is
put close to the part
of the body that
needs to be looked at.



Try to relax.

Gamma Camera Guidance Notes for Healthcare Professionals

What is a Gamma Camera?

It is a large camera that picks up radioactivity. A dye is injected into the patient's blood stream and collects in parts of the body where there is a lot of 'activity.'

What will happen?

The patient will be asked to arrive at the department up to four hours before the scan is due to be done. An injection will be given straight into a vein.

The patient will then be free to leave the department for a couple of hours. They will be asked to drink lots of fluids to flush the injection through the body.

How long will it take?

The scan will usually take about an hour.

Can the scan be dangerous?

No, although the patient should avoid all non essential contact with children and pregnant women.

If there is a possibility that the patient may be pregnant the radiographer should be told. The hospital is legally obliged to do a pregnancy test.

The results

It may take a couple of weeks for the results of the scan to come through.

If the patient has not heard within a couple of weeks they should contact their GP to see what is happening.