

# Instructions for a Parathyroid Scan

## Illawarra Nuclear Imaging

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment:  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Your doctor would like you to have a **Parathyroid Scan**. This is a test looking for a parathyroid adenoma (type of benign tumour) or hyperparathyroidism (very active parathyroid gland).

Please report to the **Illawarra Nuclear Imaging Department**

**89 Smith Street, Wollongong, NSW Australia 2500**

**If you cannot attend on the day, please call the Department to make another appointment time.**



The phone number is: **(02) 42261755**

**Procedure:** You are given an injection of radiotracer that shows the thyroid. Pictures are taken 20 mins later. Then you are given another injection to show parathyroid tissue. Scans are restarted 15 minutes after this injection and take between 45 mins. The first part of the test takes approx. 60 minutes to complete. Additional scanning is performed 3 hours later and will take 45 mins to complete. The entire procedure will take approx. 4–5 hrs.

**Preparation:** Nil.

Bring any recent test results, such as **x-ray, CT scan or MRI.**

**An important note for women having Nuclear Medicine Scans:**

As with any test using radiation, you must contact us before your appointment if:

- you are or may be pregnant
- you are breast feeding