

**DARNALL ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
NUCLEAR MEDICINE SERVICE
254 288-8290**

GALLIUM SCAN

Your physician has requested that you have a Gallium scan. This is a safe, simple, non-invasive way to evaluate the tissues of your body for infection, inflammation or tumors. Gallium-67 citrate is a radioactive element that will be injected into your body. The radioactivity associated with the injection of Gallium is negligible and you will not feel any side effects. The study may require you to have laxatives and/or enemas to cleanse the bowel, which is the route of elimination for the Gallium from your body.

Requirements for the study:

1. Check in with our secretary.
2. Receive and injection of Gallium into an arm vein.
3. Receive a bowel prep kit with instructions if necessary.
4. Return for your scan in 48-72 hours unless instructed otherwise.
5. On the day of the scan, you will be positioned on a table and a camera will take pictures of your body. This can take 60-90 minutes.
6. Additional images may be necessary at the discretion of the nuclear medicine physician on the following day.

YOUR APPOINTMENT IS ON _____ AT _____ HOURS

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**To avoid unnecessary radioactive material exposure to your child (children), please DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE CLINIC unless they have a scheduled appointment.*