



Your Renogram

Thank you for choosing Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns or do not understand the information. Always ask us to explain words or phrases you do not understand.

Your doctor has requested a renogram. We hope this information will help you know what to expect before, during and after this test.

A renogram shows how well blood flows to the kidney and how well the kidney works.

After checking in with the receptionist, you may be asked to drink 2 to 3 cups of water. Just before the test begins, you will be asked to use the restroom to empty your bladder.

When you return, you will be asked to sit in a chair with your back against the camera or lie on your back on a table.

Using a small needle in your arm, a very small amount of radioactive material will be injected. It is very safe, and you will not feel different.

Next, a special camera under the table on which you are lying will take pictures. You need to remain still throughout the test which may take up to an hour. Half-way through the test some patients will receive medicine in their veins to help their kidneys make urine.

After the test, the needle in your arm will be removed. You may be asked to use the restroom so another picture can be taken while your bladder is empty.

After the scan, you can return to your normal routine.

A nuclear medicine doctor will interpret the results of your renogram. A report will be sent to your doctor.

Nuclear Medicine Department
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(336) 716-3520

This information is general. If your doctor tells you something different, follow his or her advice and instructions.

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