Hepatobiliary Scan
This scan is used to look at how your gallbladder and associated ducts are functioning.

For the scan, you will be given a small injection of the ‘tracer’ into a vein in your arm.

The scan starts immediately and images are taken continuously for approximately 60 - 90 minutes.

Usually it is necessary to give you a second injection called CCK (this is given through the same needle as the tracer.) CCK is produced naturally in your body everytime you have a meal to make your gallbladder contract.

By giving you CCK whilst the scan is going, we can watch for abnormalities in the function of your gallbladder.

Please inform the doctor or the technologist if you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding.

What happens for the scan?

This is one of the SPECT CT cameras.

The scan must be done with the camera positioned close to your body.

You will not be required to undress for the scan.

How long will it take?

Approximately 60 - 90 minutes.

(Because the scan is used to look at your gallbladder functioning, the scan time can vary slightly between patients.)