

FAQs -

NUCLEAR MEDICINE

ARE NUCLEAR MEDICINE TESTS SAFE?

Nuclear Medicine procedures are very safe. The amount of radiation you receive from a Nuclear Medicine test is about the same as you would get from a diagnostic x-ray. The radiopharmaceutical administered does not contain any dyes and is less likely to cause reactions.

WILL I FEEL ANY DIFFERENT?

Nuclear Medicine tests are designed to monitor normal processes in the body. Most tests are done in Nuclear Medicine have almost no possibility of a side effect. Some tests that involve the use of non-radioactive drugs may have a small possibility of side effects, but these will be explained to you by the technologist. The radioactive material administered poses no safety risk. They will not discolour your urine, make you feel tired, affect your ability to drive or make you glow in the dark.

WHY DO I NEED TO INFORM THE TECHNOLOGIST IF I AM CROSSING THE BORDER TO THE UNITED STATES?

Since the terrorist attacks the American customs have installed very sensitive radioactive monitors at the Canadian/US borders. The technologist will give you a card to present when you cross the border because you will set off the monitors as you approach the customs booth. Expect delays as you cross the border.