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Locations:

Complete Diagnostic Imaging Services

Saint Anne’s Hospital

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Free valet parking

Diagnostic Imaging Services
at Saint Anne’s Hospital

For our patients and their physicians, Saint Anne’s Diagnostic Imaging Services combines the expertise of board-certified radiologists with the area’s most comprehensive range of advanced imaging technology. Our fully digitized network of imaging technology assures the highest imaging quality with less time and inconvenience for patients, as well as rapid access to the results for physicians. Images can be viewed and sent via computer to multiple specialists within the hospital, across town to a physician’s office or to other hospitals and specialists.

Our dedicated team of physicians and technologists is focused on providing the highest quality imaging and patient comfort. This extends to working with our youngest patients as well as others who require special considerations and appointment scheduling for imaging.

We offer a spectrum of services, including:

- Computerized Tomography (CT) scanning
- Digital X-ray
- Digital Mammography provided in our dedicated Robert F. Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Nuclear Medicine with CT capability
- PET/CT imaging
- Ultrasound

INTERPRETER SERVICES AVAILABLE

Portuguese - Português

Fala Português? Vamos oferecer-lhe um intérprete gratuito.

Spanish - Español

¿Habla español? Le proporcionaremos un intérprete sin costo alguno para usted.

Digital Imaging:
A High-Tech Change for Better Care

Digital imaging creates a “filmless” environment that permits rapid viewing of pictures and secure transmission to physicians whether they are in the hospital, their nearby practice or a specialist located miles away. Digital images are high quality, environmentally friendly and easier to access via PACS (Picture Archiving Communication System).

The PACS system is part of a patient’s secure and confidential electronic medical record, which provides for improved care through integration of various tests and reports all in one easily-retrievable location.

Care Agreement:

You have the right to help plan your care. To help with this plan, you must learn about your health condition and how it may be treated. You can then discuss treatment options with your caregivers. Work with them to decide what care may be used to treat you. You always have the right to refuse treatment.

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DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES



HIDA Scan
PATIENT INFORMATION



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Understanding Your Exam

What is a Hydroxy Iminodiacetic Acid (HIDA) scan?

A hydroxy iminodiacetic acid (HIDA) scan is a test to show how your liver and gallbladder work. HIDA is the name of the medicine that you will receive for this scan. The gallbladder is a sac that holds bile coming from the liver. Bile is used to help digest (break down) fats that you eat. The gallbladder, liver, bile duct (tube), cystic duct, and common bile duct are parts of the hepatobiliary system.

Why do I need a HIDA Scan?

A HIDA scan may be done to look for one or more of the following medical conditions:

- Abdominal (belly) pain.
- Abnormal shape of some part of your biliary system, such as biliary atresia (ah-TREE-zhah). This is when one or more parts of the biliary system are absent or did not develop (grow) correctly.
- Cancer of the hepatobiliary system.
- Cholelithiasis (koh-lee-li-THEYE-ah-sis), also known as gallstones.
- Cholecystitis (koh-lee-sis-TI-tis), which is an infected gallbladder.
- Cysts that cause bile to leak, or cause abnormal ducts to form.
- Liver disease.
- Obstructed (blocked) ducts. When ducts are blocked, bile cannot flow correctly through your biliary system.

The Day Before The Exam

Who should not have this test?

Tell your caregiver before the test if you might be or are pregnant. Caregivers may suggest waiting to have the test until after your baby is born. Tell caregivers if you are breast feeding. They may suggest waiting to have the test until after you have finished breast feeding your baby. This should be done to prevent your baby from getting any of the radioactive tracer.

What do I have to do to get ready for the HIDA scan?

Do not eat or drink anything for four hours before the test. Do not fast (stop eating and drinking) the day before the test. Some pain medicines may change the results of the test. Tell your caregiver about all medicines that you take.

The Day Of The Test

How is a HIDA scan performed?

- Remove jewelry and other metal objects, and put on a hospital gown. Caregivers may weigh you. An IV (intravenous line) will be placed into a vein, usually in your hand or arm. A substance called HIDA, which is a radioactive tracer, is put into the IV.
- A caregiver will position the camera above your stomach and take pictures for 1 hour. These pictures will be taken for one to two hours after you receive the IV medicine. More scans may be taken at two, four, six, and 24 hours

after the IV medicine is given. After each scan, caregivers look at the pictures and decide if you need more scans. You will be told when to return to the department if more scans are needed.

During The Test

You may feel discomfort when the IV is put in your vein. The scan itself is not painful, but you may be uncomfortable lying still during the scan. Caregivers may offer you medicine that may help you to lie still.

After You Leave

You may continue activities, eat, drink, and take your usual medicines just as you did before the test. The tracer is not harmful. It becomes non-radioactive within hours after it is given. The tracer leaves your body within one or two days through your urine.

What do the results show?

Normally, the HIDA material (tracer that you are given) goes into the liver, leaves the liver through the bile ducts and goes into the cystic duct. This leads into the gallbladder. Then the HIDA material moves into the common bile duct so it can move into the small intestine. If there is something blocking a duct, such as a gallstone or a tumor, the HIDA material will stop flowing through it. This test shows caregivers where the blockage is. The results of a HIDA scan can help caregivers know whether or not you need surgery.

What are the risks of having this test?

The place where your IV was could bleed, become red, swollen, painful, or infected.

Appointment Scheduling

508-235-5339

Monday-Friday 8 am - 6 pm

Your physician's office will schedule your HIDA scan. Our Scheduling staff are able to assist with all scheduling needs, as well as provide patients and physician practices exam preparation instructions when applicable.

If you are unable to keep your appointment and need to reschedule or if you wish to cancel your appointment, please contact us as soon as possible. A 24-hour notice would be greatly appreciated.

Pre-Registration By Phone: 508-235-5674

To expedite your visit, please contact our Patient Assistance Center to pre-register for your exam. If we do not hear from you, a member of our staff will attempt to reach you. Please ensure your physician has your most up-to-date contact information. During the registration process, we can assist you with your co-pay, coinsurance, and deductible.

Once you have pre-registered, you can arrive on the scheduled day and time and go directly to the Diagnostic Imaging Services location.

The Day Of Your Exam

- Use the Valet Parking services where available, Monday through Friday, and reduce the amount of time you spend looking for parking. It's free, and you can pick up your car at the entrance when you are finished with your appointment. No long walks! Hours vary by location.
- For exams scheduled at the hospital: If you have not pre-registered, please go to Patient Registration, located near the main entrance to the hospital, 30 minutes prior to your scheduled exam appointment to be registered for your exam.
- If you are diabetic, inform staff and take your medications as you would normally.
- We want our patients to be as comfortable as possible while having tests performed. However, we ask that you not bring children with you unless you have an adult to watch and care for them while you are having your procedure.
- Pediatric patients must be accompanied by either a parent or legal guardian in order to receive care.