

INFORMATION FOR OUR PATIENTS:
GALLIUM OR OCTREOSCAN PATIENT PREPARATION

Preparation for the Procedure:

Prior to injection, the patient should purchase three (3) 4 oz. bottles of magnesium citrate through a drug store: no prescription is needed.

What to Expect:

DAY 1 – Injection of dose and 4-hour scan

- On the morning of the injection, eat a full breakfast at least an hour before the appointment. Be well-hydrated.
- About 30 minutes after the injection, drink the first bottle of magnesium citrate. Drink plenty of clear liquids until the scan scheduled approximately 4 hours after the injection is complete (also called the 4-hour scan).
- Eat a light lunch after the first scan and a light evening meal, followed by the second bottle of magnesium citrate (30 minutes after meal).
- Drink plenty of clear liquids until the scan scheduled for approximately 24 hours after the initial ingestion (also called the 24-hour scan) is complete.

DAY 2 – 24-hour scan

- No breakfast on the morning of the 24-hour scan – clear liquids only.
- After the 24-hour scan, eat a light lunch.
- After the evening meal, drink the third bottle of magnesium citrate (30 minutes after meal). Drink plenty of clear liquids until the scan scheduled for approximately 48 hours after the initial ingestion (also called the 48-hour scan) is complete.

DAY 3 – 48-hour scan

- No breakfast on the morning of the 48-hour scan – clear liquids only.
- **NOTE:** If 72-hour scan is requested follow these guidelines:
- After the evening meal, drink a fourth bottle of magnesium citrate (30 minutes after meal) with plenty of clear liquids until the 72-hour scan is completed.

DAY 4 – 72-hour scan

- No breakfast on the morning of the 72-hour scan – clear liquids only.

If you have any questions please call: 480-838-2277

***Note: Female patients of child-bearing age will be required to complete a serum pregnancy test the day before the scan.**