

EXAM GALLIUM FOR INFECTION or TUMOR Imaging Department 915-298-8353 Scheduling 915-298-KIDS	EL PASO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
INDICATIONS:	This exam can help in the evaluation of chronic inflammations (abscesses), tumors, pulmonary disorders, AIDS, Fever of Unknown Origin (FUO), Hodgkin's disease, bronchogenic carcinomas, and hepatomas..
CONTRAINDICATIONS:	Patients having other nuclear medicine studies during the time period needed for the gallium scan. A barium study cannot be done prior to this exam. If one is done, then 72 hours needs to pass before scheduling this exam. The table weight limit is 350-400lbs.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for registration and insurance purposes. The exam will take approximately 3 days to complete.
PREPARATION:	For chest – no prep. For abdomen patient will need to have bowel evacuation prep.
PRECAUTIONS:	If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breastfeeding, make sure the doctor is aware and risks are explained. Mothers that are breastfeeding should consider pumping enough to be used for two days.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	None
WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:	<p>The patient will arrive at the hospital and enter at the main entrance. The patient should have a copy of the orders as a precaution. The patient will report in to register and review insurance. The patient should have a copy of the orders as a precaution.</p> <p>The patient will be brought back to the department where we will confirm the patient's identity, explain the procedure, and review their history. An IV will be started and an injection of Gallium (radioisotope) will be given through the IV. The patient will be imaged at 6 hours. The patient will be placed on the imaging table and a Gamma Camera will be placed as required over the body. Several images will be obtained for approximately .5 to 1 hour. Patient will return at 24 hours to repeat images. The study is completed after the images have been taken. At this time the patient will be allowed to leave. No precautions need to be taken.</p> <p>NOTE. This material will be out of their systems in 30 days. The material will not cause any side effects. A written report will be sent and usually takes 3 to 5 working days.</p>