

# About Your MUGA Scan



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## What is a MUGA Scan?

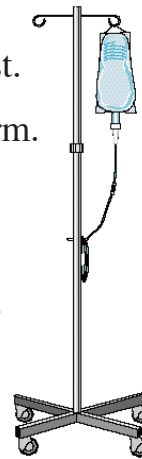
A MUGA (Multiple-Gated Acquisition) Scan is a simple, safe test that will help your doctor tell how well your heart is pumping blood.

## What should I do to get ready for the test?

- There are no special instructions for you to follow before having this test done.
- You may eat before the test.
- Take all your usual medicines.
- Go 30 minutes before your appointment time to the place where your MUGA Scan is to be done. **This may be in the Radiology Department on the Ground Floor, or on 10SS.**
- The clerk will register you. Please bring a photo ID and have your medical record number.
- You will need to take off your clothes from the waist up and put on a hospital gown.

## How is the test done?

- 3 electrodes (like round stickers) will be put on your chest.
- A specially trained technologist will start an IV in your arm.
- A little bit of blood will be drawn through the IV needle. It will be mixed with radioactive liquid.
- Your blood and the radioactive liquid will be put into you through your IV while pictures of your heart are taken. The amount of radiation you get is less than when you have an X-ray.
- When the pictures have been taken, the technologist will take out the IV and take off the electrodes. You will be ready to leave.
- The test will take about 90 minutes.



## How will I find out the results of my test?

If you are in the hospital, the health care provider who ordered your test will tell you about your test results when they are ready. If you are a clinic patient your health care provider will tell you about your results at your next clinic appointment.

Be sure to keep this important appointment. If you do not have a follow-up clinic appointment, call and schedule one with your health care provider.

