

About Your Renal Captopril Scan



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What is a Renal Captopril Scan?

It is a safe test that checks to see how well the blood vessels around your kidneys are working.

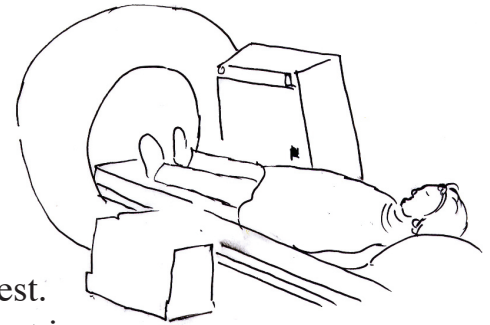
If you are a patient staying in the hospital, your appointment will be made for you.

If you are a clinic patient, when you make the appointment for your test tell the clerk if:

- You have diabetes.

How do I get ready for this test?

- Do not eat or drink for **6 hours** before your appointment time.
- If you are taking any blood pressure medicine, you may need to stop it. Ask your health care provider about this.
- If you take insulin for your diabetes, do not take it before the test. Bring your medicines with you. You can take them when the test is over.
- Come to the Radiology Department on the Ground Floor 30 minutes before your appointment. Bring a photo ID, and have your medical record number with you.



How is my Renal Captopril Scan done?

- The technologist will ask you to drink about 16 ozs of water and rest in a chair for 15 minutes. Your blood pressure will be checked. If it is OK, an IV will be started in your arm.
- You will need to take a small pill which will lower your blood pressure a little. You will need to wait an hour between taking the pill and having the scan done. The nurse will be checking your blood pressure during this time.
- When it is time to do the scan, you will be given a radioactive medicine through your IV. It will take about 35 minutes to take the pictures of your kidneys.
- The radiologist will check the pictures and let you know if you need to come back another day to have the second part of the test done.
- If you need the second part of the test done, it will be done after a few days. Only the pictures of your kidneys will need to be taken.
- After your kidney pictures have been checked you are finished with the test. The radioactive medicine you got does not cause any reaction or make you feel sick.



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.