Meckel’s Diverticulum Imaging

Welcome to VCU Health Nuclear Medicine. We are located in the Gateway Building, 2nd floor, 1200 East Marshall Street. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 am to 5 pm. Advanced scheduling is required for all nuclear medicine exams. Please review the following information about your test. Please call (804) 828-6828 to schedule your test or if you have any questions about your nuclear medicine exam.

What is it?
Imaging of Meckel’s Diverticulum.

Why are you having this test?
A test used to look for abnormalities in the small intestines, known as a Meckel’s Diverticulum.

Preparing for the test
• No patient preparation.
• Take your medications as prescribed.
• Bring a picture ID and insurance information.
• Bring with you a current list of medications (including Over the Counter, Herbal, Vitamins, Supplements, etc.) and current allergies.
• Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment.

What to expect during the test
• The test will take 1 – 2 hours.
• A needle (IV) will be placed in a vein (intravenous catheter).
• You will be injected with a radioactive tracer through the IV.
• You will lie down while the camera takes pictures of your abdomen.
• The images will be checked by our Physician and more pictures may be needed.

After Care Information
• You may return to all your normal activities.
• Most of the radioactive tracer leaves your body through your urine. Drinking extra fluids may help the tracer leave your body faster.

Contact information if questions or concerns
• Any Questions: Please contact us at (804) 828-6828 and ask to speak to a Nuclear Medicine Technologist. After hours, please call (804) 828-3699.

Follow-Up Care after the procedure
• Results will be available in 1-2 business days.
• For Results: Please contact the Physician that ordered your test.