Thyroid 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 the Thyroid Gland.

Why are you having this test?
A test used to look for abnormalities in thyroid tissue function.

Preparing for the test
- You will be contacted by a Nuclear Medicine Nurse prior to your Thyroid Clinic office visit for preparation instructions specific to you. 
  NOTE: There may be changes made to your medications and diet prior to the test.
- 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 days.
- You will be asked to swallow a radioactive capsule so that we can take pictures of your thyroid. 
  NOTE: If you have difficulty swallowing medications, please let the nurse know when they call you.
- You will lie down while the camera takes pictures of your neck and/or whole body.
- The images will be checked for quality by our Physician and more pictures may be needed.
- You will discuss these results with a Nuclear Medicine Physician prior to leaving.

After Care Information
- You will go over instruction or guidelines specific to you by a Nuclear Medicine Nurse and Physician prior to the end of your test. This may include restrictions from activities, including work and childcare, for 2–3 days.

Contact information if questions or concerns
- Any Questions: Please contact us at (804) 828-2838 and ask to speak to a Nuclear Medicine Nurse. After hours, please call (804) 828-3699.

Follow-Up Care after the procedure
- Results will be available the day of the test.