

Octreoscan

What is an octreoscan?

An octreoscan is a test that looks for tumors in the body. This scan detects any areas of tumors with Somatostatin receptors. This information helps your doctor plan your treatment.

What about radiation?

The material that allows us to do this scan is injected into a vein. The material contains a very small amount of radioactivity that will naturally decay on its own.

If you are breastfeeding, pregnant or think you might be, tell the radiologist or technologist before the scan.

How do I prepare for this test?

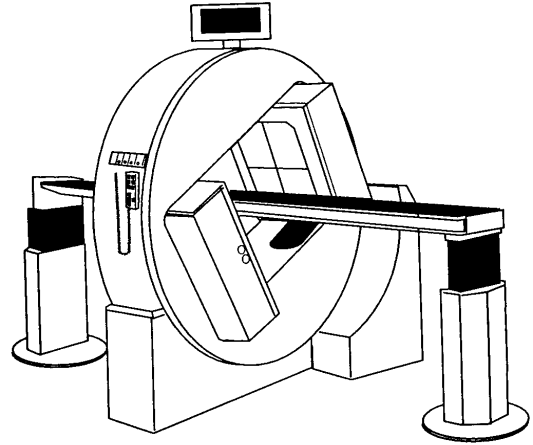
- **If you are taking the medicine called Sandostatin SAR** (short acting release), it must be stopped 3 days before the test.
- **If you are taking the medicine called Sandostatin LAR** (long acting release), it must be stopped for 3 weeks before the test.
- You will be given medicines to clean out your lower bowel or colon after your injection of the radioactive material. The bowel prep will help the doctor more clearly see your abdomen. This will be explained to you more completely at the time of your test.

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Learn more about your health care.

How is the test done?

The octreoscan is done in Nuclear Medicine. You will have up to 3 appointment times on different days.



- The **first appointment** is for giving further instructions, explanation of the bowel preparation, answering your questions, and injecting the radioactive material. This will take about 20 minutes.
- The next day, you will have a **second appointment**. The second appointment is for taking your total body image tomograms and any other pictures that the doctor wants. This appointment will last about 1 to 1½ hours.
- The **third appointment** is for more images of your body and any pictures that are needed to complete your study. This appointment will last about 2 to 3 hours.

It is very important to be on time for these appointments so that the test is accurate and to prevent any inconvenience to yourself or others.

An octreoscan is an important test. Please talk to your doctor or technologist if you have any questions.

Your first appointment for an octreoscan has been scheduled at _____ on _____.

Your second appointment for an octreoscan has been scheduled at _____ on _____.

Your third appointment for an octreoscan has been scheduled at _____ on _____.

Your test is scheduled at:

- ❑ OSU Medical Center, Nuclear Medicine, 211 East Doan Hall, 410 West 10th Avenue.

Please take the Doan Hall elevators to the 2nd floor. Report to Radiology Registration, which is to the right of the elevators.

If you need to **change your appointment**, call Radiology Scheduling at (614) 293-4333.

If you have a **question about your test**, please call Nuclear Medicine at (614) 293-5774.

- ❑ University Hospital East, 1492 East Broad Street.

Please stop at Main Registration on the first floor of the tower. This is near the main hospital entrance.

If you need to **change your appointment**, call Scheduling at (614) 257-2222.

If you have a **question about your test**, please call Nuclear Medicine at (614) 257-3670.

- ✦ **Talk to your doctor or others on your health care team if you have questions. You may request more written information from the Library for Health Information at (614) 293-3707 or email: health-info@osu.edu.**