OctreoScan®
Patient Instructions

What It Is
An OctreoScan is a test that can help locate primary and metastatic neuroendocrine tumors.

How to Prepare
- Drink 2-3 cups of water before the tracer injection.
- You must arrive in Nuclear Medicine at your scheduled time for the injection of the radiotracer used in the OctreoScan imaging procedure.

What to Expect
- This test takes two days to complete.
  1. On the first day, you will have an injection of the radio tracer (typically at 9 a.m.).
  2. On the second day, there will only be a scan (usually at 8 a.m.).
- There are no expected side effects to the injection or scan.

Pregnant Women and New Mothers
- Generally, OctreoScans are NOT performed on pregnant women. If you are pregnant or think you could be pregnant, discuss this with your physician.
- If you are breastfeeding, you will be instructed to discontinue breastfeeding.

After the OtreoScan
- For 72 hours after your scan, limit the amount of time you are in close contact with children and with pregnant or potentially pregnant women.
- Drink plenty of fluids and empty your bladder often after the scan.

How to Find Us
Nuclear Medicine is located on level L2 of the Dana building. To get to Nuclear Medicine from Dana-Farber’s parking garage or any floor of the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care, please use one of these route options.

A. From level P2 of the parking garage:
  1. Walk through the Tomsich Family Gallery (gene display) to reach the Dana building.
  2. Turn left after the Tomsich Family Gallery to find the Nuclear Medicine reception desk.

B. From the 3rd floor of the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care:
  1. Cross the PMC Bridge to reach the Dana building.
  2. Take a Dana building elevator down to level L2, where you’ll find the Nuclear Medicine reception desk.

For driving directions to Dana-Farber, visit www.dana-farber.org/directions or call 617-632-3400.

Questions?
If you have any questions or concerns or need to reschedule your appointment, call Nuclear Medicine at 617-632-3223.