

## 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 OctreoScan

- 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](http://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**.