

Renal Scan (MAG 3, DMSA, DTPA)

- This study shows how well your kidneys are working.
- You may be asked to hydrate (drink fluids) before the study.
- A technologist will inject a small amount of radioactive material into your vein.
- Reactions or side effects caused from radioactive materials are uncommon; on rare occasions, mild effects may occur. Risks associated with these levels of radioactivity, if any, are believed to be quite small and almost always justified by the benefits gained with diagnosis of possible disease.
- The scan will commence immediately for a period of about 45 minutes to an hour.
- It is possible that you will be injected with a medication that makes you urinate (a diuretic) a few minutes after the start of the test if the doctor indicates it. Diuretics may cause some side effects, including frequent urination, dizziness, hypotension, and dehydration, among other symptoms.
- Other side effects not listed above may occur in some patients.

It is important that you do not move during the whole procedure