

Hepatobiliary (Gallbladder) Scan

Your doctor has ordered a Hepatobiliary Scan. The role of this procedure is to diagnose acute cholecystitis, an obstruction of bile duct, complications from gallbladder surgery, or follow up on a liver transplant. Hepatobiliary scan may also be used to evaluate gallbladder dysfunction. Our team of specialized doctors, nurses and technicians is headed by Alan Waxman, M.D., our chief of nuclear medicine.

Before your exam:

- You must be fasting 4 hours before the exam.
- We want to make your waiting time as pleasant as possible. Consider bringing your favorite magazine, book or music player to help you pass the time.
- Please leave your jewelry and valuables at home.

After arriving at the Cedars-Sinai Taper Imaging Center:

- Upon arrival, a technologist will explain your procedure and answer any questions you may have.

During your exam:

- You will receive an intravenous injection (in your vein) of a tracer dose of radioactive material. The level of radioactivity is extremely low and has no side effects.
- You will be asked to lie flat on your back on an examination table and to remain still.
- Using a special nuclear medicine camera, pictures of your abdomen will be obtained. The camera does not produce any radiation; it simply detects and records the distribution of the radioactive material in your body.
- Depending on the initial scan result, you may be asked to return if needed after 3 hours and/or 24 hours for a delayed scan to complete the test. It will be done without the re-injection of radioactive material.
- Your scan will take approximately 90 minutes.

After your exam:

- Your study will be reviewed by an imaging physician specialist and the results sent to your physician. Your physician will discuss these results with you and explain what they mean in relation to your health.

To request a copy of your report, call (310) 423-8000.

Parking at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center:

- Taper Imaging Center parking is located in **Lot 7** at the **corner of San Vicente Blvd. & Gracie Allen Dr.** (Alden Dr.). Enter off Sherbourne Drive.
- Parking is partially validated and validation is available in the imaging center lobby.
- Or, park in the Medical Center North Tower off George Burns Road.
- There is a large metal sculpture in the shape of the number “8” in front of the S. Mark Taper Foundation Imaging Center.
- There is a curbside patient drop-off zone on Gracie Allen Dr.