

# Brain Scan

A brain scan is a test that shows the activity and blood flow in your brain. A small amount of radioactive dye is given and x-rays are taken. The dye leaves your body after a few days.

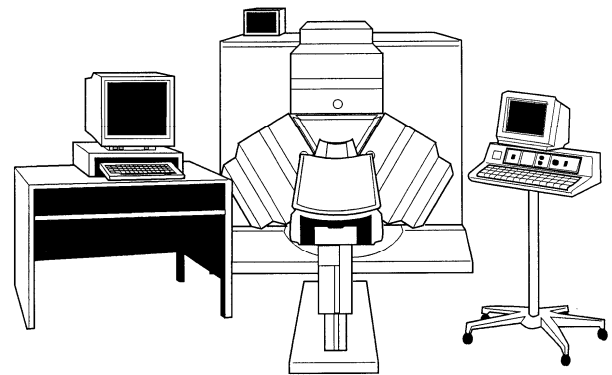
**If you have any allergies to medicines, foods or other things, tell the staff before the test.**

**If you are breastfeeding, pregnant or think you might be, tell the staff before the scan.**

**Arrive on time for your test.** Plan on being here about 2 hours for this test.

## During the Test

- If you wear glasses, you will be asked to remove them.
- An IV (intravenous) is put in a vein in your arm.
- Dye is put through the IV.
- You lie still for 10 to 15 minutes.
- You then wait for about an hour until the dye gets to your brain.
- During the scan, you lie on a table. The table slowly moves. Pictures are taken for 20 minutes.



Test results are sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share the results with you.

**Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.**

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