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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