

Renal Scan

A renal scan is used to help determine how your kidneys are functioning.

How you should prepare

- You should be well hydrated with water before your appointment.
- You may eat, drink and take all of your prescribed medications.
 - If you take Lasix (furosemide or “water pill”), please inform the Suburban Imaging scheduler of your dose and what time of day you take it.
- Wear comfortable clothes without metal fasteners, including zippers, buttons and snaps.
- Arrive 15 minutes early to complete registration.
- Bring with you:
 - Your appointment form
 - Your insurance card and a valid photo ID
- Please let us know about any of the following:
 - Pregnancy, known or possible
 - If you are a nursing mother
 - Allergies or sensitivities to any substances or drugs

What happens during the exam

You will be asked to lie on your back on a cushioned table with the camera positioned above and below the level of your kidneys. An IV will be started in your arm, and a small amount of radioactive tracer will be injected in the IV. The tracer allows your kidneys to be seen by the nuclear medicine camera.

Images will be taken for approximately 30-45 minutes. A nuclear medicine technologist will be in the room with you for the entire exam. If your doctor/healthcare provider asks us to use a diuretic called Lasix during the exam, it will be injected 20 minutes into the exam. Lasix causes increased urine production, so images will be taken of your kidneys until you need to go to the bathroom and empty your bladder.



After your exam

Unless directed otherwise, you can resume normal diet, exercise and take all prescribed medications after this exam. The tracer remains in your body for a short time and is cleared through natural bodily functions.

Your images will be interpreted by a board-certified radiologist (medical doctor) specializing in body imaging. The findings will be sent to your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider will contact you to discuss the results.

>> Map and directions on reverse side >>

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Your scheduled appointment

Date: _____

Arrival Time: _____ Appointment Time: _____

Location:

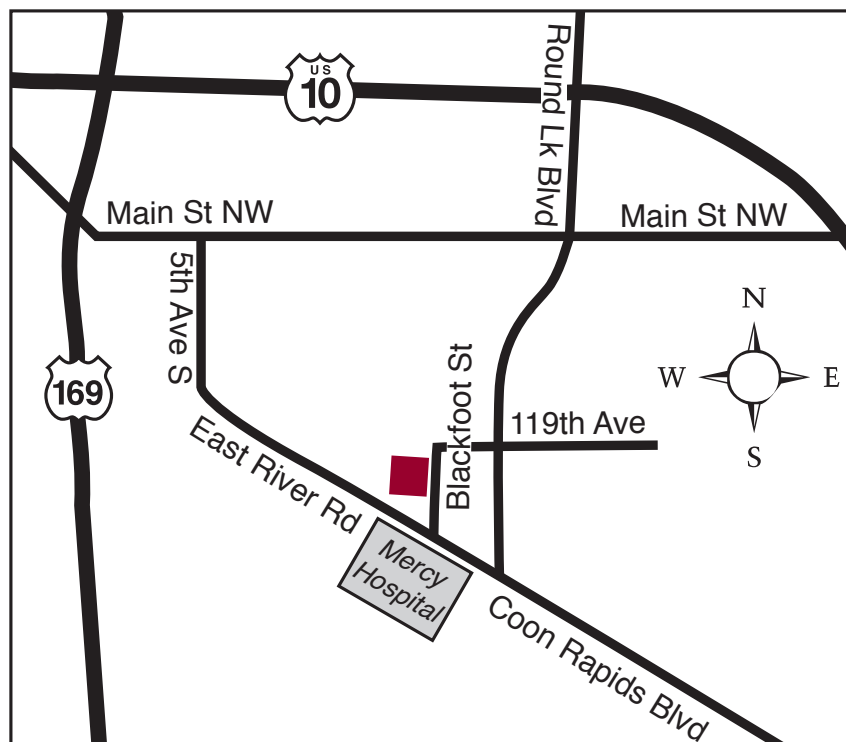
Northwest scheduling: 763.792.1999

Canceling exam requires 48 hour notice. Call scheduling number.

Suburban Imaging – Northwest

Mercy Specialty Center, Suite 180
11850 Blackfoot Street NW | Coon Rapids, MN 55433
main 763.795.1600

Suburban Imaging – Northwest is on the first floor of the Mercy Specialty Center with free parking.



From the North

Take Hwy 10 east and exit on Round Lake Blvd. Turn right on Round Lake Blvd, traveling southbound. Turn right onto 119th Ave NW (turns into Blackfoot Street NW). Turn right into the Mercy Specialty Center parking lot.

From the South

Take I-94 west and continue on Hwy 252 north. Follow Hwy 610 east and take the East River Road exit. Turn left on East River Road, which becomes Coon Rapids Blvd. Continue on Coon Rapids Blvd and turn right on Blackfoot Street NW. Turn left into the Mercy Specialty Center parking lot.

From the West

Take Hwy 169 north and exit onto Main Street (Anoka). Turn right onto 5th Ave S. Continue onto East River Road/Coon Rapids Blvd. Turn left on Blackfoot Street NW. Take the first left into the Mercy Specialty Center parking lot.

From the East

Take Hwy 10 east toward Anoka, exiting on Round Lake Blvd. Turn left on Round Lake Blvd, traveling southbound. Turn right onto 119th Ave NW (turns into Blackfoot Street NW). Turn right into the Mercy Specialty Center parking lot.