

Hepatobiliary Scan

NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Hepatobiliary or gallbladder scans are used to evaluate upper abdominal pain, determine causes of jaundice, and identify obstruction in the gallbladder.

This exam can take up to 2 ½ hours.

How you should prepare

- It is recommended that you schedule this exam in the morning, due to diet restrictions.
- Nothing to eat or drink six hours prior to your exam.
- If you are taking any pain medications, discontinue for at least six hours prior to your exam.
- 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

An IV line will be started in a vein in your arm and you will receive an injection of a small amount of radioactive tracer. The tracer allows your gallbladder to be seen by the nuclear medicine camera.

You will lie on your back on a cushioned table with the camera over your gallbladder (abdomen) for the duration of the exam. A nuclear medicine technologist will be in the room with you for the entire exam.



The camera continuously images your gallbladder filling, for a period of 40-60 minutes. Once your gallbladder enlarges, you will receive an injection of CCK (cholecystokinin) through the IV line. CCK makes the gallbladder contract, enabling the camera to capture images showing gallbladder function. Images will be taken continuously for up to an additional hour.

After your exam

The IV in your arm will be removed. Unless directed otherwise, you may drive, resume your normal diet, exercise and take all prescribed medications. The tracer remains in your body for a short time and is cleared through natural bodily functions. Drinking plenty of fluids will help flush it through your body more quickly.

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

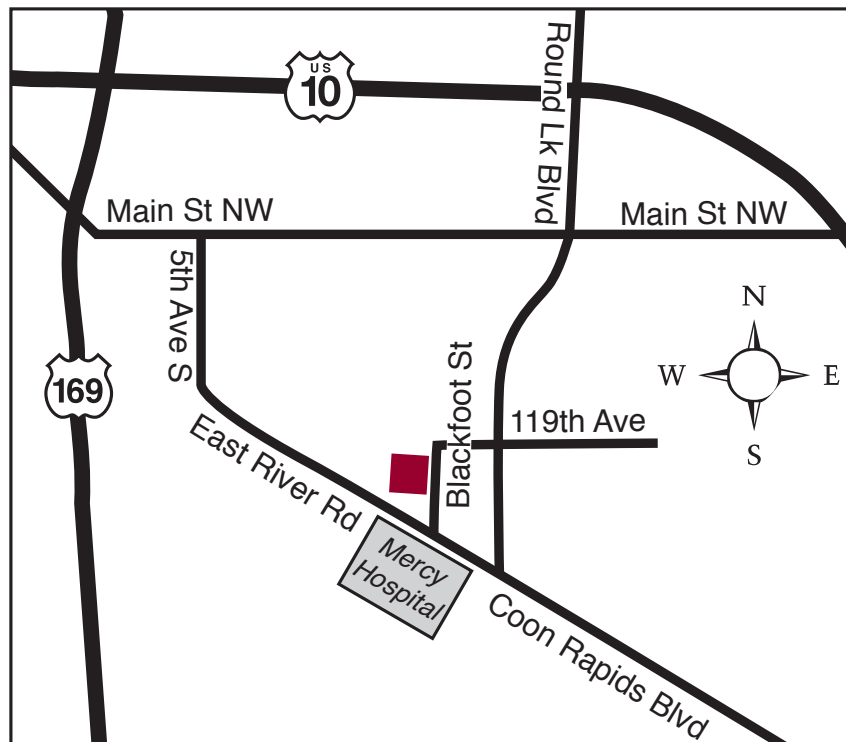
Canceling exam requires 48 hour notice. Call scheduling number.

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Suburban Imaging – Northwest

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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.