



Liver/Spleen Scan

Please contact one of the technologists if you have any questions concerning the information seen on this page.

Study Overview

Prep:

- No recent UGI or BE

Exam Time:

- 2 hours

Overview:

- Patient is injected with a small amount of radioactive material and waits for approximately 1/2 hour. Patient is imaged over a 1 hour period.

Contraindications

- Pregnancy
- Breastfeeding
- Hypersensitivity to any material used

Indications

- Assessment of chronic liver or spleen disease
- Assessment of liver or spleen size and configuration
- Diagnosis of focal nodular hyperplasia
- Detection of accessory splenic tissue
- Detection and assessment of hepatic or splenic trauma
- Evaluation of relative splenic function by liver:spleen ratio

Billing/Coding

Nuclear Sonics Billing #: 23

CPT Code: 78215

CPT Name: Liver and spleen imaging; static ...

Radiopharmaceutical Used: Tc-99m Sulfur Colloid

HCPCS Code: A9541

NDC #: if needed, please contact NSA technologist

Billing for Rp: Per study use, up to 20 millicuries

Interventional Drug: None

HCPCS Code: N/A

Pregnancy/Breastfeeding Concerns

It is at the discretion of the ordering physician, the radiologist and the patient, whether or not a pregnant patient should have any nuclear medicine procedures performed until after the pregnancy has ended. It is the recommendation of Nuclear Sonics that patients who are breastfeeding should discontinue for 10 half-lives of the radiopharmaceutical. This is typically a Technetium product, which has a radioactive half-life of 6 hours, so the typical discontinuation should occur for 60 hours.

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