

# Scan for Intractable Ascites

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## **Purposes of this study:**

1. To detect the leakage of ascites. Chest and lower pelvis are the two common leakage sites.

## **Procedure of this study:**

1. Fasting is not necessary for this study.
2. During study, a small amount of Tc-99m phytate (0.5 mCi) will be injected into the abdominal cavity via needle puncture or the peritoneal catheter for dialysis. Image will be taken in 10-60 minutes interval until the leakage site is confirmed. Therefore, the time for this test may be various based on your condition.

## **Other notices:**

1. If you have any possibility of pregnancy, please tell us in advance. Pregnancy is a relative contraindication to this test.
2. Drinking plenty of fluids after the injection helps to achieve a high quality picture.
3. Remove jewelry and any metal objects that might interfere with the images.
4. Please keep still during scanning in order to achieve a high quality picture.
5. Please avoid contact with babies and pregnant women the day you receive the low dose radioactive isotope injection. No obvious side effects will occur when in touch with babies and pregnant women. Please do not worry. This test is very safe. No severe side effect has been reported. Allergy could happen but very rare.

**Please feel free to contact us if you have any question.**

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