

## ONCOLOGY <sup>18</sup>FDG PET SCAN – INFORMATION SHEET

(N.B.: this procedure is not used for investigating valve or catheter infections, or for myocarditis).

Dear Sir/Madam,

You must **CONFIRM your APPOINTMENT 48 hours** before your examination in the Nuclear Medicine department by telephone on: +377 97 98 96 59.

The tracer will be specially ordered for you beforehand. It is expensive (around €300) but covered by health insurance. If you cannot attend, you must contact us 4 days in advance so we can cancel the order, as the product does not last. Manufacturing the tracer is a complex process, which may involve delays. There may also be delays in transporting it from the production site in Marseilles.

You must not eat anything for 6 hours prior to the examination. **You can only have unsweetened still water.** As you will be injected with a very small quantity of fludeoxyglucose, the examination will be totally skewed if you consume any sugar, whether you can see it or not (e.g. in bread, starchy food, etc.). **You absolutely must fast beforehand.** Hospital inpatients must not have any **glucose solution infusions.**

If you are on medication, you may take it with a little (unsweetened) water. **Also be careful with medicines that contain sugar** (syrups, some pain medication), which should only be taken after the examination.

If you are diabetic, tell us when booking the appointment and refer to the sheet for diabetic patients.

Bring your prescription and your social security card with you. Bring the results of your most recent X-rays/CT scans.

The examination lasts for approximately **2.5 hours**. You will be seen by the doctor after the examination and given the images (the report will be faxed directly to your doctor).

You must not, in any circumstances, be accompanied by a pregnant woman or young children, and you must keep away from them for the whole day.

Your doctors will be happy to give you any more information that you may need.

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