

18F-NaF PET SCAN - INFORMATION SHEET

Sir, Madam,

You are to undergo a PET scan using ^{18}F -NaF. The substance used (called a radiotracer) is not an allergen. A tiny quantity of ^{18}F -NaF, the radiotracer, will be injected into a vein in your arm. After the exam is over, the doctor will see you and hand you the images taken. The results will be faxed directly to your own doctor. The exam should take around two and a half hours in total.

- You may eat and drink as normal before the exam. You should preferably be well hydrated, by drinking two glasses of water before the exam and drinking plenty of water for the rest of the day. If you are on medication, you may continue to take it.
- You must **CONFIRM your APPOINTMENT 48 HOURS before** the exam by calling the following number: **+377 97 98 96 59**. **If you do not confirm your appointment, it will be cancelled.** The radiotracer will be ordered specifically for you in advance and cannot be stored. It is very expensive (around 350 euros), but covered by health insurance.
- Please bring your prescription, your social security card (CCSS, Carte Vitale, etc.) and some form of ID.
- You should also bring your most recent radiology exam/scan and laboratory test results.
- You must under no circumstances be accompanied by a pregnant woman or young children, nor have any contact with them at any time during the day of your scan.

IMPORTANT:

- We are dependent on an external supplier for the ^{18}F -NaF used. The radiotracer comes from a site some distance away (in the Bouches-du-Rhône). It has a half-life of two hours. This means half of it disappears every two hours, and it cannot be stored. If you are late, the product will be unusable for a quality scan.
- Synthesising the radiotracer is a complex process, which may be subject to delays, as is its transportation from the manufacturing site.
- If, for technical reasons, the delivery is cancelled or the batch delivered is unsuitable for patient use, your examination will be postponed at the earliest date possible. **Your examination may be cancelled at the last minute.** We are in no way responsible for any such cancellations, as the laboratory that supplies the product may suspend its use at the last minute, for your safety.

Your doctors will be available to provide additional information if you wish.