

**EXAM: SENTINEL NODE –
LYMPHATIC**
Imaging Department 330-596-7700
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INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions please contact your physician. Usually a follow up to abnormal breast screening results to check the lymphatic system in the area. May also be use as a follow up in other areas of the body. Also for evaluation of lymph node function related to other processes or trauma to an area.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS:	Patient who has recently (48hrs) had a technetium based nuclear scan performed.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for registration and insurance purposes. The exam will take approximately 1hr to complete in the Nuclear Medicine department, but this exam is conjunction with surgery that will take a majority of the day.
PREPARATION:	Patient should have previous mammography, ultrasound and/or biopsy.
PRECAUTIONS:	If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breastfeeding, make sure the doctor is aware and risks are explained. Mothers that are breastfeeding should consider pumping enough to be used for two days.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	None
WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:	<p>The patient will arrive at the hospital and enter at the main entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the patient is not pre-registered, they will need to stop in the first office on the right, just pass the waterfalls, to complete the required paperwork. The patient should have a copy of the doctors order. - If the patient is pre-registered, they will go pass the waterfall, down the hall, pass the second tan circle on the floor, to the imaging comfort area. They will report in to register and review insurance. The patient should have a copy of the orders as a precaution. This exam is done 3 hours prior to a surgical procedure. <p>The patient will be brought to the department where the procedure will be explained, confirm the patient’s identity and review their history. It is necessary for the patient to get a series of injections surrounding the area of interest for the test to be diagnostic. Some patients may need to go to ultrasound to have the injections done prior to the exam. At this time the patient will go back upstairs to wait for the surgery.</p> <p>NOTE. This material will be out of their systems within 24hrs. The material will not cause any side effects. The report will typically be available to the Doctor’s office within 24hrs on the transcription line. A written report will be sent and usually takes 3 to 5 working days.</p>