**Parathyroid**

***Planning ahead:***

* **Arrive at the hospital 30 minutes before your exam is scheduled.** Ask the scheduler what time that is.

***Bring with you to the hospital when you come for your test:***

* Complete list of medications you are currently taking – name and dosage of each medication, and when you take it.
* Written physician’s order for the test.

***On the day of the test:***

* Come in through the main entrance of Mon General Hospital, then down the hallway to the Radiology Services registration desk.
* Plan to be at the hospital for approximately three hours.

***During the test:***

* You will have an IV started and an imaging agent injected into it. Imaging will begin 10 to 15 minutes later.
* A large camera will be placed over your neck and chest area. Four images will be taken with you lying on your back. Each image takes about 10 minutes.
* After waiting one to two hours, four more images will be taken for comparison.

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Or call the Mon General Nuclear Medicine Department at (304) 598-1280.