**Sentinel Node**

***Planning ahead:***

* The sentinel node exam is done in combination with a surgical procedure. You will receive a call the day before your procedure telling you when to come to the hospital, and where exactly to report.

***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 two hours.

***During the test:***

* After registration, you will receive an injection.
* After waiting about 30 to 60 minutes, you will be taken to the Nuclear Medicine department.
* A camera will be positioned over the area of injection to obtain two to four images. Each image takes approximately 10 minutes.
* Plan to be in the Nuclear Medicine department for 30 to 60 minutes.

For more information on nuclear medicine, visit <http://healthlibrary.mongeneral.com/Search/85,P01290>

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