Renogram Scan

You’ve been scheduled for a renogram. The renogram evaluates how your kidneys are functioning. The renogram takes about 60 minutes to complete.

When you arrive in Nuclear Medicine for your renogram, you will be asked to drink some water. You will be injected with a radiotracer that checks the function of your kidneys. A nuclear medicine camera will be positioned behind you to take images of your kidneys for about 30 to 45 minutes.

Depending on the exact type of renogram ordered by your doctor a diuretic (Lasix) or blood pressure medication (Enalapril) may be given as part of the renogram.

The whole test can take up to 4 hours when completed in one day. The test is long and has several parts so bring some reading material with you.

Before the renogram scan, tell your ordering physician if:

- You are, or may be, pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding.
- You have severe claustrophobia.
- You have difficulty lying flat.

How to prepare:

- If your doctor wants you to have a renogram with IV Enalapril, please contact Nuclear Medicine to discuss which high blood pressure medications you may or may not take on the day of your test.
- Please wear loose comfortable clothing and minimal jewelry for the study.

If you are unable to keep your appointment please call to cancel. Give at least 24 hours notice when possible.

For more information please do the following:

1) [http://members.kaiserpermanente.org/kpweb/healthency/entrypage.do](http://members.kaiserpermanente.org/kpweb/healthency/entrypage.do)
2) Type “kidney scan” into the search agent.