

Salivary Glands-Parotid And Submandibular Glands

1. Referral

Written referral by GP or Consultants

Patient Identification

The examining radiographer/radiologist must check the identity of the patient immediately prior to the scan

2. Explanation

The scan will enable the radiologist to scan and assess the salivary glands to see the structure and to determine the presence of duct dilatation or stones.

3. Patient Preparation

No preparation is needed Change patient into a gown (no longer used).

4. Room Preparation

Clean tidy room with clean linen and couch roll ultrasound gel and gloves.

5. Procedure and Technique

Patient lying supine on the couch with the head & trunk elevated forwards by about 30 degrees. Patient covered with couch roll, ultrasound gel is placed on patient's neck. The scan takes about 15-20 minutes. The probe is cleaned and disinfected after the scan and before reuse.

6. After Care

The patient is told the scan is finished and given tissues to clean themselves and then helped down from the table Washing facilities are made available No other special aftercare is needed.

7. Results

The patient is given the report and pictures and if they want can discuss the result with the Consultant.

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