



Patient & Family Guide
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Lung Scan

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A lung scan is done in the Nuclear Medicine Department. A radioactive material (radioisotope) is given. A gamma camera is then used to take pictures of your lungs. You will have to lie still for these pictures but you will not feel any discomfort.

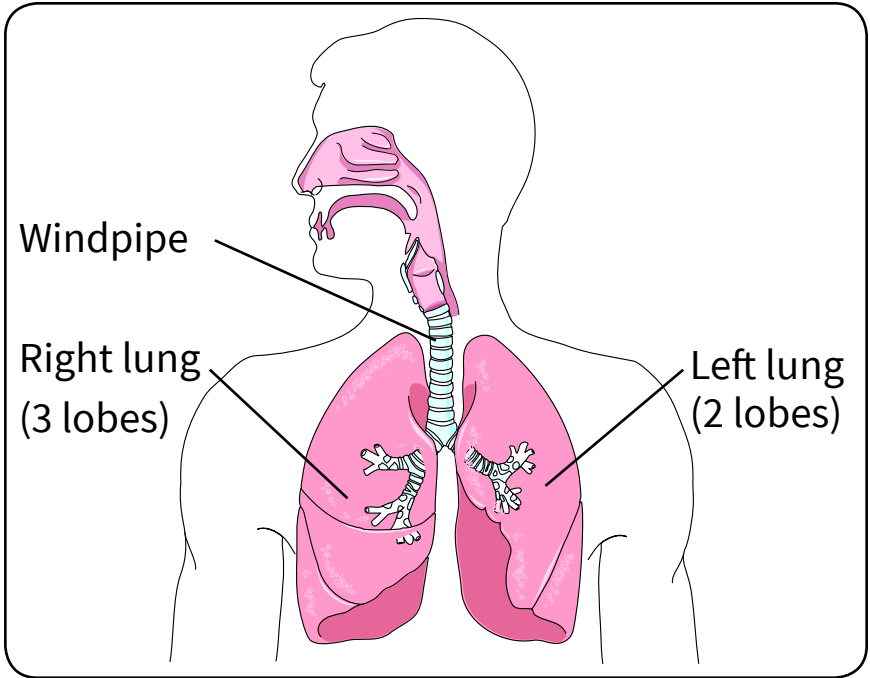
Getting ready

It is **very important** that you tell us if you:

- › may be pregnant
- › are breastfeeding
- › have had any recent nuclear medicine studies

What to wear and bring

- Wear warm comfortable clothing without buttons or zippers.
- Wear footwear that is easy to get on and off.
- Leave all jewelry at home.
- Empty your pockets.
- Bring a warm sweater without buttons or zippers in case it is cold.



How is the test done?

- This is a 2-part test. For the first part, you will be asked to breathe in oxygen that has been mixed with the radioisotope. Pictures will be taken.
- A small needle will be used to inject the radioisotope into a vein in your arm.
- Right after the injection, pictures for the second part of the test will be taken.

How long does the test take?

The test takes about 60 minutes.

Will the radiation hurt me?

No. The dosage of the radioisotope is so low that it will not be harmful to you.

If you are not able to come to your appointment, please leave a message at 902-473-1595 so another patient can be booked in your time slot.

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