

Information for Parents About Lasix Renal Scan

How is the test scheduled?

If you have a health maintenance organization (HMO) for your insurance, you will need to get a referral from your primary care physician for the Lasix Renal Scan. We will send a letter to your doctor explaining our recommendations. Call your doctor's office in 4-5 days to get the referral. If you are not covered by an HMO, you can schedule the test today with one of the representatives at the front desk. If you would rather make the appointment at a later time, call 708-216-0170.

Where will the Lasix Renal Scan be performed?

If you have an HMO, your primary care physician will tell you where the test will be performed. At Loyola, all Lasix Renal Scans for children are done on the first lower level in the Russo Pavilion (see map) at the medical center (2160 First Avenue, Maywood, IL).

What does the scan show?

A renal scan with Lasix helps us to know how well the kidneys are working and if they are obstructed (blocked or partially blocked drainage).

How is the scan done?

During the scan, your child will be lying on his / her back. An intravenous line is placed and a small amount of the radioactive tracer is injected into the vein. A special camera takes images as the tracer moves from the blood through the kidneys. This shows us how well the kidneys filter and how fast they drain. The test takes about one hour.

How will I get the results of the scan?

Our office will receive the report of the Lasix Renal Scan within two days of the testing. Call Anne Casaccio, R.N. (708-216-5111) for the report. If you would like a copy of the printed report for your records, let us know and we can provide one.

Can't I just ask the testing people for the results?

No. Although the radiology department is expert at the testing, it is our responsibility to provide reports to you. Please feel free to ask us any questions about the testing.

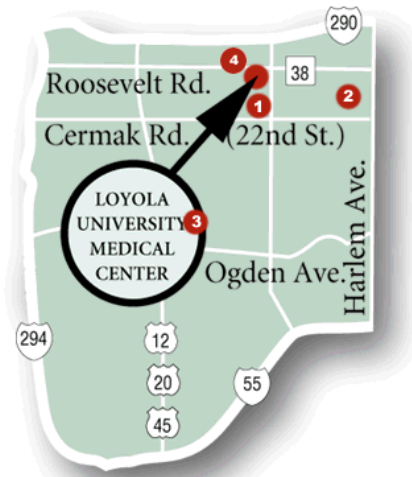
Is there anything I can do to make the testing easier for my child?

The test requires placement of a catheter in the urine channel. This can cause burning. You can give your child (over age 1 year) a dose of ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil, or generic) at least one hour before the testing. The testing requires that an intravenous line be placed. Using some local anesthetic cream (EMLA) can lessen the pain of the needle. Ask us about this if you are interested in using the cream. It must be applied about 1 hour before the intravenous line is placed.

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Directions to the Medical Center



Map of the Medical Center

