You are scheduled for a Hepatobiliary (HIDA) on ________________ at ________.

Please report to TC100 in Mitchell Hospital 20 minutes before your appointment time to register for the test.

ABOUT THE TEST
Hepatobiliary Scans are used to assess the function of the gallbladder or the hepatobiliary system.

NOTE: If you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant please tell your physician or make the scheduler aware of your condition. If you are taking any oral pain medications please alert your physician as some may affect the results of the test. Please advise the technologist or scheduler of any allergies especially to morphine.

PREPARATION FOR THE TEST
Patients should not eat or drink anything 4 hours prior to this exam.

DURING THE TEST
When you arrive in the Nuclear Medicine Department, a technologist will confirm your identity and ask you questions about your medical history. The technologist will ask you to lie down on the imaging table, make you as comfortable as possible, and position the camera over your abdomen. The technologist will then inject a small amount of a radioactive tracer in a vein in your hand or arm. There are no side effects to the injection. Images will be taken for approximately one hour. It is very important that you hold still during this time. A Nuclear Medicine physician will then assess the progress of the exam and decide whether additional medication will be necessary to aid in the imaging of the gall bladder. The exam will take from 1 to 3 hours; this is dependent on the function of your gall bladder.

AFTER THE TEST
You may resume your normal activities and diet after the test. A Nuclear Medicine physician will interpret the exam and the results sent to the ordering physician. If you have any questions about the procedure or cannot keep the appointment, please call the Nuclear Medicine scheduling staff at 773-702-6161.