You are scheduled for a Meckel's Scan on: _____________ at _________________.

Please arrive in TC100 20 minutes before to your appointment time to register for the procedure.

**What is a Meckel’s Scan?**
A Meckel's Scan is a Nuclear Medicine procedure performed to detect Meckel’s Diverticulum. Meckel's Diverticulum is a small pouch of gastric tissue on the wall of your intestine that can sometimes be the cause of gastrointestinal bleeding.

**How to prepare for the exam:**
You should not have anything to eat or drink for four (4) hours before the exam. A physician may ask that you take cimetadine or another form of antacid immediately before the test, but the technologist will notify you if this is necessary.

**How is the exam performed?**
When you arrive in the Nuclear Medicine Department, a technologist will confirm your identity and ask you questions about your medical history. He/she will then explain the procedure. A small amount of radioactive material will be injected into a vein in your hand or arm. The amount of radioactivity is minimal and well within limits that are safe. You will then be positioned under a special camera that will take images of your abdomen. A nuclear medicine doctor may order additional images including close-ups and delayed images. If additional images are needed, do not be alarmed. They are a routine part of the test.

**How long does it take?**
The first sets of images take approximately one (1) hour. If the physician orders delayed imaging, you would need to return for additional pictures about two (2) hours later. You will be allowed to leave the department during this time.

**NOTE:** If you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant please tell your physician or make the scheduler aware of your condition. The Nuclear Medicine physician will need to be made aware of any patients that are pregnant or nursing.

**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 773-795-9723.