You are scheduled for a Heat Damaged Red Cell Scan on ___________ at ___________.

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

ABOUT THE TEST
A Heat Damaged Red Cell Scan is used to look for abnormalities associated with remaining spleen tissue. A radioactive tracer is used for the test. It will be injected into your vein. The amount of radioactivity is small and well within limits that are safe. You will be at the medical center about 1-2 hours.

NOTE: Patients who are pregnant or may be pregnant should consult their physician before having this test.

PREPARATION FOR THE TEST
There is no preparation required for this test.

HOW IS THE TEST 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 explain the test to you and answer any questions you may have. The technologist will start an intravenous line (IV) in your hand or arm and withdraw a small amount of blood. The blood will be labeled with a radioactive tracer, which takes about 30 minutes. After the blood is labeled the technologist will inject the blood back into you through the IV. There are no side effects from the injection. The technologist will position you under a special camera and take several pictures of your stomach area. A physician will review the images and may ask for more images to obtain more detailed information. If additional pictures are needed, do not be alarmed. They are a routine part of the test.

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 will be 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.