You are scheduled for a Hemangioma 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 Hemangioma Scan is performed to look for blood vessel tumors in your liver. A small sample of your blood will be taken, labeled with a radioactive tracer, and injected back into you. The amount of radioactivity is small and well within limits that are safe. You will be at the medical center about 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 nuclear medicine technologist will confirm your identity and ask you questions about your medical history. He/She will then explain the test to you and answer any questions you may have. The technologist will start a small 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. The technologist will have you lie down on an imaging table under a special camera and will take pictures of your stomach area. It is important that you lay very still while the pictures are being taken. A nuclear medicine doctor will review the pictures and may order additional pictures. 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 Cardiology scheduling staff at 773-795-7056.