

PATIENT EDUCATION IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Purpose: To educate patients and family members about procedures performed in Nuclear Medicine. The procedure will be explained in terminology that is appropriate to the age or cultural background.

Policy: The technologist will explain the procedure to the patient prior to beginning the study. Questions will be answered and pamphlets may be provided for routine procedures. A physician is available to provide additional information. Interdisciplinary Patient Education Records and Nuclear Medicine Questionnaire will be completed for each patient.

The following information will be provided.

1. Name and purpose of the procedure
2. Length of time for the procedure
3. How the medicine will be given and what organ it locates in
4. Possible side effects
5. Brief description of equipment used
6. Inform the patient if water should be consumed and the amount
7. Whether a return visit is necessary
8. Other specific instructions required for the procedure

The Interdisciplinary Patient Education Record located in the chart of in-patients will be used for recording patient education activities. Out-patients will have a separate record for each visit which will promptly be forwarded to Medical Records to be filed in their chart. A Nuclear Medicine Questionnaire will be filled out for each patient.

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