



# Instructions for a V/Q Lung Scan

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appointment:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your doctor would like you to have a Ventilation/Perfusion (V/Q) **Lung Scan**. This test assists in the diagnosis of pulmonary embolism, which is a blood clot in the lungs.

Please report to: Illawarra Nuclear Imaging: Wollongong Private Hospital  
Suite 705, level 7, 360-364 Crown Street Wollongong NSW

**If you cannot attend on the day, please call the Department to make another appointment time.**



The phone number is: (02) 42 261755  
Or Bookings (Toll Free): 1300 136015

**Procedure:** You are asked to breathe in a radioactive pseudo-gas. Pictures of your lungs are taken immediately (V scan). After the first series of pictures are taken, you are then given an injection of radioactive tracer, followed by more pictures (the "Q" or Perfusion Scan). The scan takes approximately 45 minutes

**Preparation:**

Bring any recent test results, such as **x-ray, CT scan or MRI.**

**An important note for women having Nuclear Medicine Scans:**

As with any test using radiation, you must contact us before your appointment if:

- **you are or may be pregnant**
- **you are breast feeding**