

### **MULTIPLE GAITED ACQUISITION SCAN “MUGA”**

A MUGA scan is a scan of your heart done to evaluate the ability of your heart muscle to pump.

#### **WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW**

You may have your normal meals. It is not necessary to restrict food or fluids before the test.

You may take all of your prescribed medications.

Wear comfortable clothing

An intravenous catheter (IV) will be placed in your arm so the isotope and medication can be injected into your bloodstream.

You will lie on a table for the test. No exercise is necessary.

You will have two MUGA scans with approximately two 20-30 minute waiting periods between your scans and injections.

The total time for the test is approximately 2-3 hours.

You should have no side effects from the isotope. Because it is not a dye, you do not need to worry about an allergic reaction.