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Questions for Your Doctor

about a Radionuclide Angiogram/Multigated Acquisition Scan (MUGA)

The following questions can help you talk to your doctor about having a radionuclide angiogram/multigated acquisition (MUGA) scan. Consider printing out or writing down these questions and taking them with you to your appointment. Taking notes can help you remember your doctor’s response when you get home.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MUGA SCAN

- What symptoms or test results indicated that a radionuclide angiogram/MUGA scan might be beneficial?
- What information can a MUGA scan give us about my heart health?
- Will my MUGA scan be an “exercise” test or a “resting” test?
- Do I need to have an empty stomach before the procedure? Should I withhold any of my medications? Are there any medications that I will need to take?
- How much radiation will I be exposed to during the test?
- What happens next if the scan shows that my heart is not pumping as much blood out of the lower chambers as it should?





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