



Capital Health

Dear Patient:

You are here for a PET scan that will help your doctors treat your condition. You will have an injection in the vein of your arm. It is a small amount of radioactive sugar (FDG). About one hour later you will have your scan.

FDG is a very safe radioactive drug. We started making FDG in Halifax in July, 2010. This makes the test easier to get and is a more reliable source because we do not have to fly it in from Montreal anymore, every day. Many times there were transport issues and sometimes scans were cancelled or delayed because of this.

Our FDG is in the same chemical form as that from Montreal or other places. However, the government requires us to study it in patients for approval purposes. Because of this, our patients are asked to enter into this study so they can use our FDG. The study is only to look at the FDG. Every other place in Canada that makes FDG has done the same thing and Winnipeg and Ottawa are also doing this now.

The consent form you have will explain this in more detail and we will answer your questions. Again, the only thing being studied is the FDG and after your scan today there is no need for any more involvement in the study.

Thank you.

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