

Dear Patient:

You are here for a PET scan that will help your doctors treat your condition. The technologist will inject a small amount of radioactive sugar (FDG) into the vein of your arm. FDG is a very safe radioactive drug. About one hour later you will have your scan.

July 2010 we started making FDG in Halifax. When we started to make the drug in Halifax, Health Canada required that our patients sign a consent form until they granted us a drug manufacturing license. June 2015, Health Canada approved our drug manufacturing license and the consent form is no longer necessary.

The pamphlet, directions, patient preparation instructions and contacts are on the public website of Capital Health located at www.cdha.nshealth.ca. From the top green bar choose "Programs & Services", under "D" choose "Diagnostic Imaging", click on "Visit Website". On the left side of the screen you will see tabs with the various sections listed, choose "PET Centre" and under "Related Documents" you will find the links to all of the PET Centre information.

If you are not from Nova Scotia, you will need an approval letter for payment from your province's Department of Health so that we can schedule your scan. Your doctor will help you with this and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

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