

GALWAY CLINIC



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PET-CT

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The first PET-CT in the West of Ireland

PATIENT INFORMATION

A close-up photograph of a person's face, focusing on their eyes. The person has brown eyes and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PET-CT

PET-CT is a combination of two imaging tools (PET and CT) which provide both functional and positional information of the area under examination. It is used most frequently in oncology.

PET uses a small amount of radioactive glucose (FDG) to identify areas in the body which are overactive (e.g.: tumours), while CT allows the radiologist to identify which organs are involved.

Appointment

Once your doctor has arranged for you to have a PET-CT you will be contacted by us to arrange an appointment. If you require a change in your appointment date or time please let us know two days before your scan.

The Galway Clinic has agreements with the HSE and all major insurers.

PREPARATION

Food

You must fast for 6 hours prior to your appointment time. For the day before the procedure you should avoid high sugar foods. If you have any queries as to what you can and cannot eat please ask us when we phone with your appointment. If you are diabetic we will make special arrangements for you.

Rest & Driving

You must avoid strenuous exercise the day before and the morning of the scan. You will receive a mild sedative before your test therefore you should not drive to the Galway Clinic for your appointment.

Hydration

You should drink 4 glasses of water on the morning of your scan before you leave home.

Medications

All medications can be taken (with water only) on the day of the scan. If you normally take medications during the day please bring them with you. If you are asthmatic you should bring your inhalers with you.

Duration

You will be in the diagnostic imaging department for approximately 3 hours.