

# TO BE READ AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ANY APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED

**Ga-68 DOTATATE PET/CT scan for neuroendocrine (carcinoid) tumours, phaeochromocytoma / paraganglioma / neuroblastoma, de-differentiated or medullary thyroid cancer, meningiomas and other specific diseases**

No specific dietary preparation is required for this study.

If you have a neuroendocrine tumour and you are taking Somatostatin/ Sandostatin medication, please stop the short-acting type 1 day before the study. If you are receiving the long-acting type (usually as a monthly injection), your study must be scheduled just before your next dose (i.e. 3-4 weeks after your last injection).

### **It is important for us to know:**

- If you suffer from claustrophobia.
- If you have had recent surgery (ideally, we prefer to wait 6 weeks before proceeding with the PET/CT scan).
- When you received your last chemotherapy or radiation therapy, if relevant (ideally, we need to wait 3-6 weeks post-chemotherapy, and 3 months post radiation therapy, before proceeding with your PET/CT scan).
- Whether you are allergic to iodine.
- If you had any recent barium examinations (let us know before you come for your appointment).

### **What to bring with you:**

- Previous MRI/CT scans that were performed elsewhere.
- Medical aid card and ID card.

*After the scan is complete, please drink plenty of water and urinate frequently to eliminate the excess radioactivity from your body.*

*Please note that the duration of the study; for registration, injection and imaging is at least 3 hours. Please prepared to be at our practice for this duration and possibly longer.*

*The result of your PET/CT scan will be ready within 1-2 working days. The report will be emailed directly to your referring doctor.*