

**ARIC-PYP FAQs**

1. **How long will the scan take?**

This visit for the scan will take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours.

1. **Will there be any side effects in the hours/days after?**

No side effects are expected from the scan.

1. **How will I know how to find my ARIC staff member that will meet me at the hospital?**

Site dependent. Please insert site specific information.

1. **What precautions is the hospital taking for COVID safety?**

Site dependent. Please insert site specific information.

1. **Should I eat before? or is this fasting?**

You can eat before the scan. Fasting is not necessary for this scan.

1. **What health info will I need to bring with me?**

Site dependent. Please insert site specific information.

1. **When will I get the results?**

The study results will be provided to your doctor typically within a few weeks after the scan is performed.

1. **Who will I need to go to if I get an alert on this scan?**

If you get an alert on the scan, please make an appointment to see your primary care doctor to discuss the results of the test.

1. **Can I drive afterwards?**

Yes, you can drive after this test.

1. **What does the scanner look like? Will my head be in the scanner at all?**

The scanner looks like a CT scanner. A picture of the scanner is included in page 2 of the ARIC PYP study brochure. Your head will not be in the scanner.

1. **How much radiation will I receive from this scan?**

The amount of radiation you will receive from participation in this research study is about the same as one would normally receive from natural sources in 1.2 years.

1. **Do I need to pay for parking or tip my valet/cab?**

Site dependent. Please insert site specific information.

1. **How much radiation will you be exposed to as a part of this study?**

The radiation you will receive from participation in this study is estimated to be up to 3.2 milliSieverts (mSv). A mSv is a unit of radiation dose.

1. **What does this number (3.2 mSv) mean?**

Everyone receives radiation exposure from natural background sources from the earth and the sky. The dose that you receive from participation in this research study is about the same as you would normally receive in one year from these natural sources. A radiation worker (x-ray tech, nuclear medicine tech, lab researcher that uses radiation, radiation safety staff, etc.) is allowed to get up to 50 mSv each year as part of their job as it is considered safe.

1. **Is it safe for me to be around others after receiving this injection?**

Yes. It is safe to be around others after this test. We do not recommend any restrictions after this test. 99mTc-pyrophosphate (PYP) will stay in your body for several hours. However, it eventually decays naturally and is removed through urine.