Having a DMSA scan

You are coming to hospital for a kidney scan. This looks at your kidneys and how well they work.

Your kidneys take water from your body and clean it. This removes any bad stuff and turns it into wee.

You cannot have this scan if you are pregnant. We may ask you to give us a wee sample to test.

You need to drink lots of water for this scan to give good pictures.

We will put some cream on your hand to make it numb. A while later, you will have an injection. This shows up as a different colour on the pictures.
The liquid takes a few hours to travel to your kidneys. You can have something to eat and drink and you can go outside the hospital. We will tell you what time to come back.

We will help you get onto the scanner bed ready for your pictures. You need to stay very still so we get good pictures.

After this, you can go home. Remember to keep drinking lots of water to get rid of the liquid.

Please ask us if you have any questions.