



Breastfeeding after scans

If you have a suspected pulmonary embolism (lung blood clot), you may be sent for an imaging scan. Depending on the type of scan, **you may need to temporarily stop breastfeeding afterwards**. Our staff can support you to express during this time.

CTPA	✓	Continue as normal
V/Q scan	✗	Stop, “pump and dump” for 13 hours after

CTPA (CT pulmonary angiogram) takes place in Radiology (Level 1) and may involve an injection of “contrast” liquid.

V/Q or Q scans (ventilation perfusion scans) are done in Medical Physics and involve breathing in a gas, and an injection. You can express milk before the scan for use that day.