

Did you know...

...a PET scan may help in the diagnosis of dementia syndromes such as Alzheimer's disease?

It helps to be informed.



How might an amyloid PET scan be useful?

Sometimes it can be tricky to get an early and accurate diagnosis. The FDA has approved PET amyloid imaging agents that can be used to assist in clinical diagnosis.*

What is an amyloid PET scan?

- PET, which stands for positron emission tomography, is a noninvasive imaging tool that takes pictures similar to a CT scan
- Before the image is taken, an imaging agent, that binds to amyloid plaque in the brain, is injected into a vein in the arm
- Images of the brain are taken and a physician evaluates them to determine whether or not the images show evidence of amyloid plaques

Where is an amyloid PET scan performed?

The scan is performed in a Nuclear Medicine or Radiology department, most often located in a hospital or imaging center.

*A positive scan does not establish a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other cognitive disorder.

Ask your healthcare provider if an amyloid PET scan can benefit you



CT, computed tomography; PET, positron emission tomography.