



## Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan

<p><b>APPOINTMENT</b></p>	<p>- DATE: _____ TIME: _____</p> <p><b>Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time and check in at the registration desk.</b></p>
<p><b>HOW LONG THE EXAM WILL TAKE</b></p>	<p>- The exam will take approximately 3-4 hours. This includes a waiting time of 2-3 hours.</p>
<p><b>HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no special preparation for having a Bone Scan.</li> <li>- Drink plenty of fluids before and after your injection. This often helps to improve the pictures of your bones.</li> <li>- It is also recommended that you use the restroom frequently following your injection.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding, please notify your physician or the technologist prior to your exam.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You will be given an injection and then are free to leave the department while the drug circulates.</li> <li>- If you are having a 3-Phase Bone Scan then you will remain in the department for an additional 15-20 minutes while images are taken at the time of your injection.</li> <li>- After your injection, you will return to the department in 2-3 hours for imaging.</li> <li>- Imaging takes approximately 1 hour.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW DO YOU GET TEST RESULTS?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Radiologist will study the images and a report will be sent to your physician. This normally takes 2 business days. Your physician will discuss the results with you. Should you not hear from your physician within 2 business days, please give them a call to schedule a follow up appointment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>QUESTIONS?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you have any questions or concerns about your appointment, please call Nuclear Medicine at <b>(660) 831-3283</b>.</li> </ul>

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