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Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan

APPOINTMENT	- DATE:_____ TIME:_____ **Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time and check in at the registration desk.**
HOW LONG THE EXAM WILL TAKE	- The exam will take approximately 3-4 hours. This includes a waiting time of 2-3 hours.
HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM	- There is no special preparation for having a Bone Scan. - Drink plenty of fluids before and after your injection. This often helps to improve the pictures of your bones. - It is also recommended that you use the restroom frequently following your injection.
PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF	- If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding, please notify your physician or the technologist prior to your exam.
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT	- You will be given an injection and then are free to leave the department while the drug circulates. - 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. - After your injection, you will return to the department in 2-3 hours for imaging. - Imaging takes approximately 1 hour.
HOW DO YOU GET TEST RESULTS?	- 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.
QUESTIONS?	- If you have any questions or concerns about your appointment, please call Nuclear Medicine at **(660) 831-3283**.

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