

BONE SCAN

Purpose:

To evaluate bone disease, inflammatory disease, trauma or infarction within the bone structure.

How long will this procedure take?

Allow 3 hours total: A 2 hour wait after the injection, on or off-site, then 30 to 60 minutes for the scan.

Preparation:

You must wait at least 3 days after a traumatic event. Between injection and scan, you will be asked to drink fluids, and empty your bladder immediately prior to the scan.

The bowel must be free of barium.

If you are on Fosamax, please call Imaging Services at 723-5811.

Procedure:

You will be given an IV injection of a radioactive isotope, and then return in 2 hours for your scan. You will need to remove any metal such as a belt, snaps, zippers, coins, etc. you will lie on a table which will move under a camera, creating a whole body scan. Specific areas of interest are scanned as needed.

After the examination:

The radiologist will study your films and dictate a report which will be sent to your physician within 24 hours.