

NUCLEAR MEDICINE BONE SCAN

Examination Information

Nuclear Medicine is a medical imaging specialty that uses very small amounts of radioactive substances, (also called "tracers") to diagnose or treat disease. It is one way of acquiring images of the body, like x-rays and ultrasound. Nuclear Medicine scans can provide information on the function (how the body organs are working), or structure (how the organs look), of different parts of the body.

There are no side effects to the tracers.

A Bone Scan looks at any functional changes of bones.

What preparation is involved?

No Preparation for the scan

You can eat and drink normally.

What is involved in the examination?

A small injection of the tracer is given into your vein and early scans may be taken for 10-15 minutes, followed by further imaging 2-4 hours after injection.

Duration

Your examination may take up to 4 hours, but you are able to leave the department between scans.

Exam Notes

Please bring any relevant previous X-ray or Scan results to your appointment.

Please Note:

Parking

There are several car parking areas around and close to the hospital, however, space is limited. Car parking fees apply. Arriving late may result in your appointment being rescheduled.

Payment

If you are Medicare eligible there will be no out of pocket expense. If you are not eligible for Medicare you will be required to pay for your examination.

Additional Information:

Please bring copies of any previous Radiology and Nuclear Medicine examinations to your appointment.

Please feel free to call us on 82226431 if you are unable to attend or have any questions before or after the procedure and you will be directed to the appropriate health care professional.

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