

Bone Scan

A bone scan shows how the cells are performing. It is used to find bone problems such as cancer, infections or fractures. It is also used to check joint replacements and find joint problems such as arthritis.

Patient Preparation

There are no specific preparations required.

Procedure

This is a two part exam. First you will receive your injection which will take approximately 15 minutes. You are then free to go for two to three hours but then must return so that images can be obtained. It will take approximately 30-60 minutes to obtain the images.

The amount of radiation needed for the exam is minimal and the body eliminates the tracer material typically within twenty-four hours.

Tell the technologist if you have any allergies and if you are undergoing radiation therapy because these factors may require adjustments in how the examination is performed. Also, let the technologist know if you are pregnant or breastfeeding as nuclear medicine tests are usually not recommended for pregnant women.