

BONE SCAN

PATIENT PREPARATION:

Fasting is not required. Patients should be well-hydrated. The patient will be required to lie flat and remain still for the images.

PROCEDURE

The patient receives an injection of a radioactive substance, usually into a vein in the arm. This material travels through the bloodstream and concentrates in the bones. The injection feels similar to a blood test and there are no side effects. We may acquire some images at the time of the injection or we may wait for 1½ - 2 hours before we begin imaging. The patient may leave the department between the injection and delayed images, and is encouraged to increase their fluid intake and to void frequently prior to returning for images.