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.