

## **GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING STUDY**

### **PATIENT PREPARATION:**

None. Avoid the presence of barium in the abdomen.

### **PROCEDURE**

A sample of blood will be taken from a vein in the patient's arm, and will be labeled with a radioactive tracer. Approximately 30 minutes later, the blood will be re-injected into the patient's vein. Imaging begins immediately following injection and will take at least 90 minutes, but may take up to four hours.