

# **Nuclear Medicine eConsult Patient Handouts**

## **Bone Scan**

Your provider has referred you for a bone scan. You will be injected with a radioactive tracer that will allow your doctor to evaluate your bones.

### **Before the bone scan, tell your ordering physician if:**

- You are, or may be, pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding
- You have difficulty lying flat.
- You have severe claustrophobia.

### **How to prepare/how long:**

There is no special preparation for this test

However, there are two parts to a bone scan. When you are scheduled to arrive, you will receive the radioactive tracer injection, this takes approximately 15 minutes. When you return 3 hours later for you imaging, that second part of the test will take approximately 45 minutes.

### **Please Note:**

At your scheduled appointment time you will receive the injection of a radioactive tracer. Three hours after the injection you must return to Nuclear Medicine for the pictures to be taken.

Nuclear Medicine will confirm your return time when they prepare to perform the injection.