

Nuclear Medicine: Bone Scan

What is a bone scan?

A nuclear medicine bone scan is a test to evaluate bone infections, fractures, or tumors.



Do I need to prepare for this test?

No, you do not need to prepare for this test.

What happens during the bone scan?

- You will come to the Nuclear Medicine department for an injection of a radioactive material **three hours before** the scan.
- Side effects from the radioactive material are extremely rare. However, tell the technologist if you are breastfeeding or if there is any chance of pregnancy.
- When you return after three hours, you will lie on a table while the camera moves around you.
- The scan takes approximately 60 minutes.

What happens after the bone scan?

After the exam you may return to your normal activities. A radiologist will review the images and send a written report to your doctor.

If you have any questions about this test, please feel free to contact Nuclear Medicine, at (203) 688-5610