

Patient History – Bone Scan

Why am I having this test?

Your doctor has referred you to us for a radionuclide bone scan. This is a simple test which is usually carried out to diagnose infection, arthritis, fractures or sports injuries, and to assess tumours.

How will this be done?

One of our technologists will give you an intravenous injection of a small amount of radioactive liquid which will be slowly absorbed into your bones. The radiation dose is very small and reactions are virtually unknown. In some cases pictures are taken while you are having the injection, providing information about local blood flow.

You will be given a time to come back for your final pictures, usually 2 to 3 hours after the injection. During this time you may eat, and leave the department.

We advise you to drink between one and two litres of fluids, water, tea, coffee, etc. This will help clear the excess radioactivity from your body and give clearer pictures.

On your return the scan will take from 30 to 60 minutes. You will not be required to undress.

Please give details about the following

Your name _____ Weight _____

Briefly describe your symptoms and their duration, or the reason for the test. _____

Have you had recent xrays or a previous bone scan? _____

If you have arthritis please detail where. _____

Have you had any accidents in the past year (including falls)? _____

Have you ever broken any bones? _____

If you have had an operation on your bones or joints including joint replacements, give details.

Have you ever had cancer? If so, when was your last treatment? _____

Are you pregnant or breast feeding? _____