



NUCLEAR MEDICINE PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

Bone Scan Whole Body

Patient: _____ Appointment Date: _____

Arrival Time: _____ am/pm Scan Time: _____ am/pm

Location: Nuclear Medicine at Mankato Clinic
1230 East Main Street, Mankato, MN 56001

Please check in at Central Registration prior to going to Nuclear Medicine.

If you are unable to keep your appointment or have questions, please call 507-389-8519.

What is a/an Whole Body Scan:

This test is an imaging procedure that is used to diagnose and track different types of bone diseases. A whole body scan may be ordered if a patient has unexplained skeletal pain suggesting bone loss, bone infection, or an injury undetectable on a standard X-ray. It is also used for detecting cancer that has spread to the bone from a tumor that started in a different organ.

How do I prepare for the test:

- Before scheduling your test, please tell your provider if you are:
 - Pregnant or think you may be pregnant or breastfeeding.
 - Diabetic. Your provider will instruct you about taking your diabetes medications. Some medications need to be stopped after the test.
 - Tell your provider if you have had a PET/CT scan in the last 48 hours.
- Day of test:
 - Avoid wearing clothing with metal buckles, snaps, buttons or adornments.
 - Drink 4-6 cups (8 ounces each) of fluids. You may eat as you normally do.
 - If you are experiencing a cough at the time of the test, please bring cough suppressants/drops

What will happen during the test:

- You will receive an injection of radioactive material in your vein three hours before the scan. After this injection, you may leave the clinic but will return for your test at the specified time.
- The radioactive material will help your bones show up on the scan.
- You will lie on your back on the imaging table and images will be taken of your body with a special camera.
- You will need to lie still during the images. The test takes about 45 minutes.

Instructions for after your test:

- Your provider will share the results of your test with you at your follow-up appointment. If you do not have a follow-up appointment, your provider may contact you by letter. If not, you may contact your provider's office five to seven business days after your test to obtain results.
- You may return to your normal activities immediately.