

**Appointment Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Canton

**DEPARTMENT:** Imaging Services (Radiology). Report to Nuclear Medicine.

## SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

A bone scan identifies and evaluates the breakdown of bones. A bone scan can detect a fracture or infection in the bone, arthritis, the presence of a tumor and/or spread of cancer to the bones.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

After arriving for your appointment, you will receive an injection of tracer. There will be a three-hour waiting period to allow the tracer to travel throughout your bloodstream and into your bones. During the three-hour waiting period, you will need to drink plenty of fluids. You may leave the hospital during this time. When the three hours are over, you will return to the Nuclear Medicine department and have the bone scan. This will take approximately 1.5 hour.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

**NOTE:** This scan involves the administration of radioactive materials. The scans are not routinely performed on women who are pregnant or breast feeding.

Blood work should always be drawn before X-rays are performed. If you are having blood work, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment.

## LENGTH OF EXAM

Plan on being at the hospital **up to five hours**. The injection phase will take approximately 15 – 30 minutes. You will be asked to return in three hours. After returning, please plan on being in the department for 60 – 90 minutes.

## AFTER THE EXAM

You will be able to eat and drink after the exam.

You should expect receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

### **QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST**

Call 330-363-6204 weekdays between 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. or weekends between 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. for any questions about your test.

### **SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION**

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

### **HOSPITAL PARKING**

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Deck parking is available on 7<sup>th</sup> Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT**

Imaging Services/Radiology (7th Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.

If your exam is scheduled after 3 p.m., report to Aultman Heart and Vascular Center (Lot 3 parking is the closest parking). It is located on the first floor of the Bedford Building. After entering the Bedford lobby, turn to your right and enter the Heart and Vascular Center.