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## Bone Scan

### How long will the whole scan take?

The scan takes approx 4 hrs

### Patient Preparation

For a bone scan there is no patient preparation however if you have any films or other test results related to the scan please bring them with you

If there is any chance you could be pregnant or are breast feeding please inform the staff when making the booking

### What will happen?

When you arrive you will be interviewed and given information related to your scan

You will be given a small injection of tracer into a vein - usually in your arm.

The injection will not have any effect on you but you may need to have some images taken and this will take approx 20 minutes

You can then leave the department and return at the time indicated by the Nuclear Medicine Scientist. This will be in approx 2-3 hrs time. This time between images is needed for the tracer to be absorbed by your skeleton

During this time you can do whatever you like including eating and drinking-  
**It is preferable for you to have approx 4 glasses of water while you are away**

When you return to the department you will be asked to go to the toilet to empty your bladder

More images will be taken when you return this may take up to an hour depending on your medical history

### Results

Your results will be made available to you after the Nuclear Medicine Doctor has reviewed your scan and reported on the images. This will be available on the same day as your scan.

**After the Scan** You can carry on with normal activity after the scan you will not notice any after effects from the scan.

### Questions

If you have any further questions please ask our friendly staff when making your appointment