



GI Bleed

Please contact one of the technologists if you have any questions concerning the information seen on this page.

Study Overview

Prep:

- No recent UGI or BE

Exam Time:

- Approximately 2 1/2 hours

Overview:

- Patient is injected with a small amount of nonradioactive material and then waits 20 - 30 minutes.
- Patient is injected with a small amount of radioactive material and waits for approximately another 1/2 hour.
- Patient is imaged over a 1 1/2 hour period.

Contraindications

- Pregnancy
- Breastfeeding
- Hypersensitivity to any material used

Indications

- Detection and localization of bleeding sites with active or intermittent gastrointestinal bleeding

Billing/Coding

Nuclear Sonics Billing #: 25

CPT Code: 78278

CPT Name: Acute gastrointestinal blood loss
imaging

Radiopharmaceutical Used: Tc-99m Labeled Red
Blood Cells

HCPCS Code: A9560

NDC #: if needed, please contact NSA technologist

Billing for Rp: Per study use, up to 30 millicuries

Interventional Drug: None

Pregnancy/Breastfeeding Concerns

It is at the discretion of the ordering physician, the radiologist and the patient, whether or not a pregnant patient should have any nuclear medicine procedures performed until after the pregnancy has ended. It is the recommendation of Nuclear Sonics that patients who are breastfeeding should discontinue for 10 half-lives of the radiopharmaceutical. This is typically a Technetium product, which has a radioactive half-life of 6 hours, so the typical discontinuation should occur for 60 hours.

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