



Whole Body Bone Scan

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

Study Overview

Prep:

None

Exam Time:

- Visit #1 – 15 minutes
- Visit #2 (approx. 3 hours later) – ~1 hour

Overview:

- On Visit #1, the patient is injected with a small amount of radioactive material.
- On Visit #2, the patient will be imaged for about a 1 hour period.

Contraindications

- Pregnancy
- Breastfeeding
- Hypersensitivity to any material used

Indications

- Detection of primary and staging metastatic disease
- Evaluation of musculoskeletal trauma or pain
- Detection and evaluation of Paget Disease as well as evaluation of response to treatment
- Detection and evaluation of arthritis and joint disease

Billing/Coding

Nuclear Sonics Billing #: 11

CPT Code: 78306

CPT Name:

Bone and/or joint imaging; whole body

Radiopharmaceutical Used:

Tc-99m Medronate (MDP) or

Tc-99m Oxidronate (HDP)

HCPCS Code: MDP - A9503 or HDP - A9561

NDC #: if needed, please contact NSA technologist

Billing for Rp: Per study dose, 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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