Bone Scan

A bone scan is a test that uses a very small amount of radioactive contrast. This medicine lets your doctor see your bones better than he or she would be able to on x-ray.

This test has two parts. **Arrive on time for each part of the test.** Arrive for the first part of the test at _____ am / pm on __________________. Staff will tell you when to come back to the testing area for the second part of the test.

**If you have any allergies to medicines, foods or other things,** tell the staff before the test.

**If you are breastfeeding, pregnant or think you might be,** tell the staff before the test.

**During the Test**

**Part One:**
An IV (intravenous) is put in a vein in your arm. The contrast is put into your IV. One or two scans may be done. Lie flat and hold still as each scan is done.

**Part Two:**
About 3 hours later, you will have a scan of your whole body. You lie on a table during the scan. This takes about 1 hour.

**After the Test**
- Drink plenty of liquids the day of the test. This helps your body get rid of the contrast.
- Test results are sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share the results with you.
Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.