

# Bone Scans



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### **Nuclear Medicine Supplement:**

Please read the pamphlet: **Nuclear Medicine Scans BCCH1097** before this sheet.

### **Why is this test done?**

Bone scans can detect changes in the bone(s) due to injury or disease.

### **What happens during the test?**

The bone scan is a two part test. During the first part, your child will be given an injection. Scans will be done while lying on the bed. This usually takes about 15 minutes. You'll need to return about 3 hours later for more scans. These scans can take 1 to 1.5 hours. Between the two parts of the scan, your child needs to drink extra fluids and urinate more often. This gives us better pictures.

### **How to prepare for the test:**

There is no special preparation needed.

### **What are the side effects?**

Your child's blood and urine will be radioactive for about 24 hours after the scan. Wear gloves and wash your hands well if you touch these fluids, for example, when changing a diaper.

Encourage your child to drink a lot and empty his/her bladder often. Flush the toilet at once.