**Total Body Bone Scan and Limited Bone Scan**

These exams are performed to look for any abnormalities of the skeletal system

- There are no preparations needed for these exams, although it would be beneficial if the patient is well-hydrated (only if it does not interfere with other testing or procedures)
- If patient is under the age of 50 and has **not** had a hysterectomy, a urine pregnancy test will be required at no charge to the patient. The patient needs to arrive 30 minutes prior to appointment time.

*If you are breast feeding, please consult the department for further instruction.*

**Both Scans Are Two-Part Exams**

**Part One:** The patient is injected with a radioactive isotope in a vein. This is **not** a dye. This portion of the exam takes 15-20 minutes.

**Part Two:** The patient then returns to the Radiology Department three to four hours after the injection for the scan to be performed. The return appointment time will be given to the patient at the time of the injection. This portion of the test will take 45 minutes to one hour.

Patients need to bring any prior films or reports of x-rays, ultrasound, MRI, or CT only if the study was **not** performed at United Regional.

**3-Phase Bone Scan**

This exam is performed to evaluate the blood flow to an area of interest, as well as to rule out infection or inflammation of the bone.

- There are no preparations needed for these exams, although it would be beneficial if the patient is well-hydrated (only if it does not interfere with other testing or procedures)
- If patient is under the age of 50 and has **not** had a hysterectomy, a urine pregnancy test will be required at no charge to the patient. The patient needs to arrive 30 minutes prior to appointment time.

*If you are breast feeding, please consult the department for further instruction.*

**This is a Two-Part Exam**

**Part One:** The patient is injected with a radioactive isotope in a vein. This is **not** a dye. This portion of the exam takes 30 to 45 minutes.

**Part Two:** The patient then returns to the Radiology Department three to four hours after the injection for the scan to be performed. The return appointment time will be given to the patient at the time of the injection. This portion of the test will take 45 minutes to one hour.

Patients need to bring any prior films or reports of x-rays, ultrasound, MRI, or CT only if the study was **not** performed at United Regional.