



# NUCLEAR MEDICINE

IMAGING | RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

## RESULTS

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The radiologist will read your exam and send the report to your provider in 24-48 hours.

## QUESTIONS

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Please contact the Imaging department at 765-932-7556 with any questions or if you need to re-schedule your exam.

## THANK YOU

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Thanks for choosing RMH for your imaging needs. We look forward to seeing you!

## 3-PHASE BONE SCAN

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### WHAT TO EXPECT

A 3-phase bone scan images a specific area of your body where pain is present. Please dress comfortably and avoid clothing with zippers or metal buttons. To begin, we will have you lay down on a table and positioned so that the specified area can be imaged.

*Phase 1:* We will inject a small amount of radioactive tracer through a vein. The tracer does not make you feel any different but will allow us to image the blood flow in the area.

*Phase 2:* While you are still resting comfortably, we will take a second image for about 5 minutes.

Next is the delay image so you will be able to leave the hospital or stay in our waiting room. Your imaging tech will give you an exact time to return within 2-3 hours of the start time.

*Phase 3:* The delay images repeat the first images of your specific area plus a whole body scan. Please allow 45-60 minutes.

## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

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### DURING YOUR EXAM

While waiting for delay images, you will be asked to drink 2-3 glasses of liquid. You may choose to drink water, juice, soda, etc.