



## Radiology – Nuclear Medicine

***Welcome and thank you for choosing Augusta Health for your Nuclear Imaging needs.***

### **What should I expect?**

After you have been registered, you will be greeted by a Nuclear Medicine Specialist who will take you back to the injection room. The Specialist will explain the exam, the estimated time frame for your test, and begin to administer the medicine for the scan.

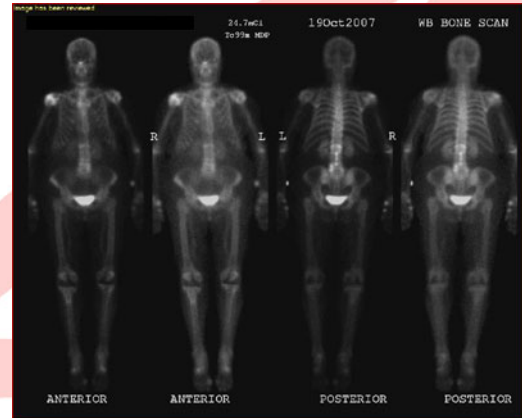
The medicine consists of very small amounts of Radioactive drugs that are injected by IV or given orally. Once the medicine is in your system, special types of cameras and computers take the images requested by your physician.

Depending on the type of exam, the Nuclear Scan can take 30 minutes and up to 4 hours to complete.

At any point during your exam you have questions, please let the Nuclear Medicine Specialist conducting your exam know. They will be glad to assist you.

### **What is Nuclear Medicine?**

Nuclear Medicine specialists use safe, painless, and cost effective methods to image the body and treat disease. Nuclear medicine provides doctors with information about both structure and function.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The amount of Radiation in typical nuclear imaging is comparable with that received during an x-ray, which is within safe limits.



***Our goal today is to assure your privacy while being sensitive to your needs and comfort during your visit. If there is anything we can do to help make you more comfortable during your visit to Augusta Health please let us know.***

### **Wait Time**

Once your exam is completed a Radiologist will review the images and send a written report to your Physician within 3 to 5 business days.

You may receive a patient satisfaction survey from Press Ganey in the mail to rate our performance today at Augusta Health. We would appreciate if you could take a few moments to let us know how well we are doing. Thank you for choosing Augusta Health.

### **Nuclear Medicine**

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