

**HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY  
DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY & IMAGING**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**  **Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan**  
 **Gallium Scan**

**Appointment Date/Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- There is no prep for a **Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan**. You may eat, drink and take all your daily medications. You will be injected with a radioisotope intravenously and asked to return to the Nuclear Medicine Department 2 ½, 3 or even up to 4 hours post injection for the completion of the scan that will take 1 hour or longer.
  
- For **Gallium Scan**, you may eat, drink and take all your daily medications. After the Gallium injection, further instructions will be given to you by the technologist the day of your injection. Patients will be scanned 48 to 72 hrs post injection.
- Your appointment will be confirmed the day before your arrival. Please, provide accurate day/evening contact numbers. If this is your first visit to the radiology department, bring any outside imaging with you.
  
- Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled procedure. We are located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Main hospital building.**
  
- All patients must bring **doctor's prescription for Nuclear Medicine Scans**, insurance information, insurance authorization number and picture ID.
  
- If a child is to be scanned **with I.V. sedation ANESTHESIA**, The nurse will call you the day before your procedure for additional instructions.
  
- Patients who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant please contact the Nuclear Medicine department supervisor. The scan will not be done on pregnant patients. Also advise the technologist if you are nursing. Nursing is not advised for at least 48hrs.
  
- **If you have any questions regarding your scheduled procedure or need to cancel your appointment please contact us:**
  - **Nuclear Medicine department** 212.606-1025      **8 am – 5:30pm week days.**
  - **Appointment** 212. 774-7149      **8am – 6:00 week days.**

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