

Parent information for Bone Scan

The doctor has suggested that your child has a bone scan. The purpose of this scan is to determine the presence of bone abnormalities that are not easily detected when taking an x-ray. You are able to stay with your child throughout the procedure, especially during the scan unless you are pregnant. This is because your child's urine will be mildly radioactive for one day.

The procedure

You and your child are requested to arrive on **Wendy Ward at 8.30am**. The purpose of this is to allow for the paediatric nurse to take some details of your child and record their weight.

Children over the age of 1 year may have a local anaesthetic cream applied to the back of their hands. This takes a period of one hour to take effect. The anaesthetic cream is applied to numb the skin and allows relatively pain-free insertion of the cannula (straw like tube which goes through the skin and into a vein.) You will then be asked to take your child to the **Nuclear Medicine Department (Room 3) within the X-Ray Department**.

Your child is allowed to eat and drink throughout the day, providing that you have not discussed the possibility of sedation for your child prior to the scan. Babies under the age of 6 months or children over the age of 4 years are generally never sedated. It is extremely important that your child is well hydrated.

The Bone Scan

In the Nuclear Medicine Department your child will have a small amount of radioisotope injected through the cannula and the scan will start 2-3 hours later. The scan takes a period of 30 minutes during which your child needs to lie reasonably still. If you are concerned that your child may not be able to remain still for this period of time then please contact the nurses on Wendy Ward on 01895 279530.

After the procedure

When the scan is complete, unless your child has been sedated, the cannula is removed and you and your child can go home. Children who have been sedated will return to Wendy Ward until they are completely awake, eating and drinking and steady on their feet. The radioisotope is passed through your child's urine. Please wash your hands thoroughly after changing your child's nappy. No special precautions are required.

Possibility of side effects

There are no side effects of the radioisotope but as it can take up to 24 hours to discard from the body, we would like you to encourage your child to drink more than usual after the scan.

Results of the scan

It is expected that your child has a follow up appointment prior to the scan. If this has not been arranged then please inform the staff on Wendy Ward at the time of your attendance.

Contact Numbers

Wendy Ward: 01895 279530

Nuclear Medicine Department: 01895 279368

Languages/Alternative Formats

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