



Nuclear Medicine: GI Bleeding Scan

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What is a GI Bleeding Scan?

A GI Bleeding scan is used to evaluate the possibility of an active bleed site within your gastrointestinal tract. A physician orders it when a patient has a large amount of blood in their stool. This is an emergent test.

Preparation:

No preparation is needed.

PLEASE BRING A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING.

Procedure:

1. Upon arrival, an IV port will be established.
2. A small amount of blood (2-3 milliliters) will be taken and tagged with a radiotracer. The tagging process takes 25-30 minutes.
3. Once tagged, the tagged blood will be injected into the IV and images will be started immediately. Images will continue until the bleed site is located.

The procedure is usually imaged over 1 hour. The radiologist will determine further imaging.

Parking/Registration:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Ave. SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to "Radiology (X-Ray)," also located on Ground (G) level.

Procedure Results (Who interprets the results):

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician time to review these results, usually 2 business days after the exam.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

Procedure time: _____

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