GI Bleed Scan

**What is a GI Bleed scan?**
A GI bleed scan is used to identify the site of active GI bleeding in patients with known or suspected intestinal blood loss.

**How should I prepare for a GI bleed scan?**
There is no patient prep needed for this exam.

**How long does the test take?**
The entire exam will take approximately 2 hours. During the first part of the exam an IV will be placed in a vein in your arm and 3-5mL blood will be collected. During the next 30 minutes the blood will be combined with the radioactive tracer in our lab. After your blood is prepared it will be injected back into your IV and the technologist will take images of your abdomen for one hour. Additional imaging may be required.

**How soon will the scan results be available?**
A radiologist will interpret the images, write a report, and deliver the results to your doctor via the internal computer system.

**It is essential to tell your doctor if you are pregnant or think you might be pregnant before undergoing this scan because of radiation exposure.**

**If you would need to cancel your appointment please notify the Nuclear Medicine department as soon as possible at 216.444.2807.**