

Services	<p>NHS Lothian provides outpatient Nuclear Medicine services at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western General Hospital • Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh • Royal Hospital for Sick Children • St. John's Hospital, Livingston <p>SCI Gateway can be used to submit referrals for bone scintigraphy scans at Western General Hospital only; all other Nuclear Medicine investigations must be referred for by a secondary care consultant.</p> <p>Important note. Medical exposures using ionising radiation are subject to legislative control by the The Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/1075/contents/made</p> <p>This legislation specifies the responsibilities of the 'Referrer' of which you must be aware.</p>
Who to refer	<p>NM Bone Scan indications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspected Bony metastatic disease • Unexplained bone pain <p>If you are considering whether a bone scan is appropriate for any other reason, please contact the Nuclear Medicine department at WGH on 0131 537 2040 and we would be very happy to discuss.</p>
Who not to refer	<p>Contraindications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy or suspected pregnancy • If patient is > 225 Kg (35 stones) <p>Note: Referrals for DEXA (Bone <i>Density</i>) scans must be submitted via Gateway: 'WGH - Medical physics - DEXA Scan'</p> <p>Do NOT send these requests to Nuclear Medicine.</p>
How to refer	<p>Referrals for all Bone Scans should be made via SCI Gateway using the pathway: 'WGH - Clinical Radiology - Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan'</p>
Appointments	<p>The patient will be allocated an appointment and informed by letter.</p>

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