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## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR BONE DENSITY (DXA)

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEST: 978-630-6235 PATIENT SCHEDULING: 978-630-5070

EXAM DATE AND TIME:\_\_\_\_\_

DURATION OF EXAM: 20 minutes

Radiology is located on the ground floor. We recommend that you park and enter the hospital by the South Entrance.

PREGNANCY: If there is any chance you are pregnant, please consult with your doctor before having this examination.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Please bring a list of all medications, including over the counter and supplements, that you are taking.
- Please wear clothing without metal, or buttons, such as snaps, zippers, underwire bras.
- Loose clothing with an elastic waistband is the most comfortable for this exam.
- A Bone Density Scan must NOT be done within 7 days of the following types of exams:
  - Upper GI Exam
  - Barium Enema
  - ♦ IVP
  - CT Scan with Contrast
  - Any Nuclear Medicine Exam

To pre-register for your appointment, call Patient scheduling at least 2 days before your scheduled appointment at 978-630-5070. Pre-registration will allow you to report directly to Radiology Department the day of your appointment.

Please arrive 15 minutes early for your appointment. Thank you, Radiology Department