



Pullman Regional Hospital Nuclear Medicine Department

What is a GI Bleed Scan?

A GI Bleed Scan is done to see if there is any internal intestinal bleeding. It is performed on people who have traces of blood in their stool.

Before your scan

There is no special preparation for this procedure.

During your scan

Once you are registered and checked in at the Outpatient Services desk, a technologist will come out to greet you and bring you into the Nuclear Medicine department. The technologist will explain your test and answer any questions you might have.

The technologist will then place an IV in your arm and draw 3-5mLs (less than one teaspoon) of blood. You will be asked to wait 20-30 minutes while the technologist mixes a small amount of imaging tracer in your blood sample.

When your blood is ready, the technologist will have you lie down on the imaging bed. The technologist will start the camera and inject your blood back into you. This will not cause any side effects and is completely out of your body within 2-3 days.

The technologist will take a 1-hour-long scan of your lower abdomen. If there is no evidence of bleeding at the end of the scan, the doctor might request more pictures to be taken 2-4 hours or even 24 hours later.

After your scan

You can resume your regular activities with no restrictions. The technologist will not be able to give you any results; however, the results should be available to the doctor who ordered your test within one to two business days.

Thank you

We are honored that you have chosen Pullman Regional Hospital to serve your healthcare needs.