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Diagnostic Imaging has the latest state-of-the-art x-ray bone densitometer that can diagnose your bone mineral density. It can provide specific information relating to fracture risk of the lumbar spine (lower back) and the femoral neck (hip).

This procedure is performed by a nationally certified technologist with additional training in bone mineral density.

Procedure

You will have to lie on your back on an x-ray table for a short period of time (less than 15 minutes) while a small arm scans you. No injection or needles are necessary and the radiation is less than one tenth of a chest x-ray. Due to weight restrictions of the machine we cannot perform this test on patients who weigh more than 295 pounds.

It is best if you wear a two-piece outfit with no metal from your waist down; otherwise, you may have to undress and put on an x-ray gown.

The report generated by this machine will be reviewed by doctors at the facility where the test is conducted. These doctors will issue a full report to your physician.

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