

<b>EXAM: GI BLOOD LOSS</b> Imaging Department 915-298-8353 Scheduling 915-298-KIDS		<b>EL PASO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL</b>
<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	This exam is helpful in assessing intermittent and active blood loss within the abdominal cavity. Blood loss can be due to many different factors and you should talk to your physician about any history of ulcers, cancer, diverticula and aspirin consumption.	
<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS:</b>	A barium study cannot be done prior to this exam. If one is done, then 72 hours needs to pass before scheduling this exam. Patient who has recently (48hrs) had a technetium based nuclear scan performed. The table weight limit is 350-400lbs.	
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?</b>	Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for registration and insurance purposes. The exam will take approximately 1 to 6hrs to complete.	
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	None.	
<b>PRECAUTIONS:</b>	If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breastfeeding, make sure the doctor is aware and risks are explained. Mothers that are breastfeeding should consider pumping enough to be used for two days.	
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	None	
<b>WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:</b>	<p>The patient will arrive at the hospital and enter at the main entrance. The patient should have a copy of the doctor's order. The patient will report in to register and review insurance. The patient should have a copy of the orders as a precaution. The patient will be brought back to the department where we will confirm the patient's identity, explain the procedure, and review their history. An IV will be started and a small amount of blood will be drawn from the IV. For the next 30 minutes, the blood will be mixed with technetium (radio-isotope). The patient will be placed on the imaging table and a gamma camera will be placed above the abdomen. The blood will be re-injected through the IV and a series of images will be taken for a minimum of 1hr. Additional images will be taken based on the status of the images at the 1hr mark. This additional time can range from 1/2hr up to several hours. The study is completed after the images have been taken. At this time the patient will be allowed to leave. No precautions need to be.</p> <p>NOTE. This material will be out of their systems within 48hs. The material will not cause any side effects. A written report will be sent and usually takes 3 to 5 working days..</p>	