

## NUCLEAR MEDICINE PROCEDURE QUICK GUIDE

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<p><b>NUCLEAR CARDIAC STRESS TEST</b>                      -78452 NM rest &amp; str myo perf SPECT                      -93017 NM cardiac stress test                      -A9502 X2 Isotope Diagnostic Myoview</p> <p><b>PHARMACOLOGIC OPTIONS                      (IF TREADMILL STRESS IS NOT                      APPROPRIATE FOR PATIENT)</b>                      -J2785 Lexiscan Regadenoson Inj 4 MG                      -J0152 Adenosine 30 ml vial                      -J1250 Dobutamine inj. per 250 mg</p> <p><b>**USE CARDIAC STRESS FORM</b></p> <p><b>**NM WILL USE DECISION TREE TO                      SELECT APPROPRIATE STRESS                      OPTION**</b></p> <p><b>**OBTAIN CLINIC NOTES ON ONE                      CHART OR PHYSICIAN OFFICE**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NPO AFTER MIDNIGHT, EXCEPT H2O</li> <li>- <b>IF PATIENT CAN EXERCISE ON TREADMILL,</b> WITHHOLD ALL BETA BLOCKERS 24 HRS. PRIOR</li> <li>- WITHHOLD ALL NITRATES 24 HRS. PRIOR</li> <li>- IMPORTANT: BRING BP MEDS OR OTHER MEDS WITH YOU IF HELD FOR EXAM.</li> <li>- <b>CAFFEINE-FREE MIN. 12 HRS.</b> (COFFEE, TEA, SODAS, CHOCOLATE, ENERGY SUPPLEMENTS/DRINKS, AND EXCEDRIN)</li> <li>- WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES/CLOTHING, WITH NO METAL ON SHIRT</li> <li>- SHOWER, BUT NO LOTION OR OILS ON ABDOMEN/CHEST</li> <li>- BRING A SNACK OR MONEY FOR CAFETERIA</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 3.0-3.5 HRS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHEST PAIN</li> <li>- ABNORMAL EKG</li> <li>- CHF</li> <li>- CAD</li> <li>- PALPITATIONS</li> <li>- SOB</li> <li>- PRE-OPERATIVE EVAL.</li> <li>- ANGINA PECTORIS</li> <li>- CABG STATUS</li> <li>- ACUTE MI</li> </ul>
<p><b>BONE SCAN                      3-PHASE</b>                      -78315 NM bone 3 phase                      -A9503 TC99M Medronate up to 30</p> <p><b>SPECT/CT IF INDICATED (1 FOV)</b>                      -78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- GENERAL HYDRATION IS HELPFUL</li> <li>- EXAM TIME TOTAL: 4HRS.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ INITIAL: 15-30 MIN.</li> <li>▪ CIRCULATION TIME: 3 HRS. PATIENT MAY LEAVE DURING THIS TIME.</li> <li>▪ SCAN TIME: 15-45 MIN.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- POSSIBLE FRACTURE</li> <li>- LOOSENING PROSTHESIS</li> <li>- OSTEOMYELITIS VS. CELLULITIS</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY</li> </ul>
<p><b>BONE SCAN                      LIMITED</b>                      -78300 NM bone/joint limited                      -A9503 TC99M Medronate up to 30</p> <p><b>SPECT/CT IF INDICATED (1 FOV)</b>                      -78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- GENERAL HYDRATION IS HELPFUL</li> <li>- EXAM TIME TOTAL: 3.5- 4 HRS.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ INJECTION: 15 MIN.</li> <li>▪ CIRCULATION TIME: 3 HRS., PATIENT MAY LEAVE DURING THIS TIME.</li> <li>▪ SCAN TIME: 30 MIN.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BONE/JOINT PAIN OF A FOCAL AREA</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BONE SCAN MULTIPLE (2 OR &gt; AREAS)</b></p> <p>-78305 NM bone/joint multiple -A9503 TC99M Medronate up to 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECT/CT IF INDICATED (1 FOV)</b></p> <p>-78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- GENERAL HYDRATION IS HELPFUL</li> <li>- EXAM TIME TOTAL: 3.5- 4 HRS.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ INJECTION: 15 MIN.</li> <li>▪ CIRCULATION TIME: 3 HRS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- PATIENT MAY LEAVE DURING THIS TIME.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCAN TIME: 30 MIN.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BONE/JOINT PAIN OF MORE THAN ONE AREA</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BONE SCAN WHOLE BODY (TOTAL)</b></p> <p>-78306 NM bone scan whole body -A9503 TC99M Medronate up to 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECT/CT IF INDICATED (1 FOV)</b></p> <p>-78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- GENERAL HYDRATION IS HELPFUL</li> <li>- EXAM TIME TOTAL: 4 HRS.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ INJECTION: 15 MIN.</li> <li>▪ CIRCULATION TIME: 3 HRS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- PATIENT MAY LEAVE DURING THIS TIME.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCAN TIME: 30-45 MIN.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**ALL CANCER PATIENTS MUST HAVE CLINIC NOTES**</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**FOR ALL PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS, PULL PSA LAB VALUE HISTORY**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STAGING, RE-STAGING EVALUATIONS FOR ANY TYPE OF CANCER</li> <li>- METASTATIC DISEASE</li> <li>- WIDESPREAD BONE PAIN</li> <li>- PAGET'S DISEASE</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOLID GASTRIC EMPTYING</b></p> <p>-78264 NM gastric emptying study -A9541 TC99M Sulf/Colloid Unfiltered</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**IF ALLERGIC TO EGGS, OATMEAL PROTOCOL MAY BE USED**</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**LIQUID GASTRIC EMPTYING MAY BE ORDERED BY PHYSICIAN IF PATIENT CANNOT EAT SOLID FOOD**</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**PLEASE ALERT IF ALLERGIC TO EGGS OR GLUTEN INTOLERANT**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STRICT NPO AFTER MIDNIGHT</li> <li>- DISCONTINUE SEDATIVES/NARCOTICS 12 HR. PRIOR</li> <li>- BRING MEDICATION LIST</li> <li>- CONTRAINDICATION: ALLERGY TO EGGS</li> <li>- BRING MEDS; TECHNOLOGIST WILL INSTRUCT WHICH ONES CAN BE TAKEN WITH MEAL</li> <li>- TAKE ½ DIABETES MEDS DURING EXAM WITH MEAL</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 4.25 HRS.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**USE GASTRIC FORM**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GASTROPARESIS</li> <li>- WEIGHT LOSS</li> <li>- DELAYED GASTRIC EMPTYING</li> <li>- NAUSEA, VOMITING, EARLY SATIETY, BLOATING, UPPER ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT</li> <li>- EVALUATE MECHANICAL OBSTRUCTION</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIDA OR HIDA W/FATTY MEAL W/EF, WHEN NO CCK IS AVAILABLE</b></p> <p>-78226 NM hepatobiliary wo pharm -A9537 Technetium TX 99M choletec/dos</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WITH SPECT/CT IF INDICATED</b></p> <p>-78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 1.25 HRS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATION OF CHOLECYSTITIS, GALL BLADDER INFLAMMATION, CYSTIC OR COMMON BILE DUCTS</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF OBSTRUCTION</li> <li>- EVALUATION AFTER GALLBLADDER SURGERY FOR SUSPECTED LEAK.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIDA W/EJECTION FRACTION (CCK)</b></p> <p>-78227 NM hepatobiliary w pharm -A9537 Technetium TX 99M choletec/dos -J2805 Kinevac</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STRICT NPO 6 HRS.</li> <li>- NO NARCOTICS MINIMUM 6 HRS. PRIOR</li> <li>EXAM TIME: 2.5 HRS. +</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RUQ PAIN</li> <li>- ABDOMINAL PAIN</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF CHOLECYSTITIS</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF CHOLELITHIASIS; OBSTRUCTION</li> <li>- CALCULATION OF EF</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GI BLEED STUDY</b></p> <p>-78278 NM GI Bleeding -A9560 TC99M Labeled Blood Cell/30 m</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECT/CT IF INDICATED (1 FOV)</b></p> <p>-78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 1.5 HR. +</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DETECTION AND LOCALIZATION OF ACTIVE ABDOMINAL BLEEDING SITE</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MECKEL'S DIVERTICULUM</b></p> <p>-78290 NM meckel's -A9512 TC99M Pertechnetate/mci</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECT/CT IF INDICATED (1 FOV)</b></p> <p>-78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NPO MINIMUM 4 HRS.</li> <li>- NO LAXATIVES OR POTASSIUM PERCHLORATE 24 HRS. PRIOR</li> <li>- DOSE TAGAMET 20 mg/kg (PEDIATRIC) OR 300 mg/kg (ADULT) 2 DAYS PRIOR TO STUDY, 6X/DAY</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 1.25 HRS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LOCALIZATION OF MECKEL'S DIVERTICULUM</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARATHYROID SCAN WITH SPECT/CT</b></p> <p>-78072 NM parathyroid -A9500 TC99M Sestamibi per dose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- PLEASE PROVIDE PTH AND CA+ LAB RESULTS</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 2.5 HRS.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**MUST HAVE PTH AND CA+ LAB VALUES **</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ELEVATED PTH AND CA+ LAB RESULTS</li> <li>- DETECTION/LOCALIZATION OF PARATHYROID CA</li> <li>- DETECTION/LOCALIZATION OF ADENOMAS OR PARATHYROID TISSUE</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUGA</b></p> <p>-78472 NM muga -A9560 TC99M Labeled Blood Cell/30 m</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 1.25 HRS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATE WALL MOTION</li> <li>- CALCULATION OF EF, VENTRICULAR VOLUME, CARDIAC OUTPUT AND DIASTOLIC FUNCTION</li> <li>- ASSESSMENT OF CHF</li> <li>- EVALUATION PRE/POST CHEMO OR RAD. TX</li> <li>- DYSPNEA</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENTINEL NODE FOR BREAST</b></p> <p>-38792 NM sentinel node inject only -A9520 TC99m lymphoseek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NPO FOR SURGERY</li> <li>- NO IMAGING REQUIRED</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 15 MINUTES</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**ORDER FROM DS SCHEDULING SYSTEM SHOULD STATE NM INJECTION, INDICATING LATERALITY**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AIDS IN SURGICAL LOCALIZATION OF LYMPH NODES FOR SURGICAL INTERVENTION</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LYMPHOSCINTIGRAPHY WITH SPECT/CT</b></p> <p>-78195 NM sentinel node w imaging -A9520 TC99m lymphoseek -78830 NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**HEAD/FACE INJECTIONS X2; OTHER LOCATIONS X4**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NPO FOR SURGERY</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 2 HRS.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**ORDER FROM DS SCHEDULING SYSTEM SHOULD STATE MM INJECTION WITH IMAGING OR LYMPHOSCINTIGRAPHY, INDICATING LOCATION AND LATERALITY**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IMAGING LOCALIZATION OF LYMPH NODE INVOLVEMENT FOR SURGICAL INTERVENTION</li> <li>- MELANOMA</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RENAL SCAN W/FLOW AND FUNCTION</b></p> <p>-78707 NM renal flow wo pharm int -A9562 Mertiatide Mag3 per 15 mCi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PATIENT SHOULD BE WELL HYDRATED</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 30-45 MIN.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATION OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANT</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF RENAL TUBULAR FUNCTION AND PERFUSION</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RENAL SCAN W/FLOW, FUNCTION, AND WASHOUT (LASIX)</b></p> <p>-78708 NM renal flow w pharm int -A9562 Mertiatide Mag3 per 15 mCi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PATIENT SHOULD BE WELL HYDRATED</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 45 MIN.-1 HR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATION OF RENAL OBSTRUCTIVE NEPHROPATHY AND/OR HYDRONEPHROSIS</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANT</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF RENAL TUBULAR FUNCTION AND PERFUSION</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARDIAC AMYLOID</b></p> <p><b>-78830</b> (PLANAR WITH SPECT/CT) NM Rp Loc Tum Spect wCT 1 Area; NM cardiac amyloid study <b>-A9538</b> TC99M Pyrophosph UP to 25 MCI</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**MUST CONTACT NM COLLEAGUE TO CHECK AVAILABILITY OF ISOTOPE FOR SCHEDULING**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- GENERAL HYDRATION IS HELPFUL</li> <li>- EXAM TIME: 1.75-3.5 HRS.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ INJECTION TIME: 15 MIN.</li> <li>▪ CIRCULATION TIME: 1 HR.</li> <li>▪ IMAGING TIME: 30 MIN.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- IMAGING AT 3 HRS AT DISCRETION OF RADIOLOGIST BASED ON INITIAL IMAGES.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DETECTION OF TRANSTHYRETIN-RELATED CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS (ATTR)</li> <li>- HEART FAILURE AND UNEXPLAINED INCREASE IN LV WALL THICKNESS</li> <li>- UNEXPLAINED HEART FAILURE WITH PRESERVED EF, OVER 60</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF CARDIAC INVOLVEMENT IN INDIVIDUALS WITH FAMILIAL AMYLOIDOSIS HISTORY</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNG PERFUSION/QUANTIFICATION</b></p> <p><b>-78597</b> NM pul perf quan dif w image <b>-A9540</b> TC99M Macroag Albumin/10 mci</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- SCAN TIME: 20 MINUTES</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**2-VIEW CHEST X-RAY REQUIRED WITHIN 24 HRS. OF SCAN**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATE HIGH-RISK PATIENTS PREOPERATIVELY FOR SURGICAL CANDIDACY</li> <li>- EVALUATION OF PULMONARY PERFUSION</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNG PERFUSION</b></p> <p><b>-78580</b> NM pul perfusion <b>-A9540</b> TC99M Macroag Albumin/10 mci</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NO PREP</li> <li>- SCAN TIME: 20 MINUTES</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**2-VIEW CHEST X-RAY REQUIRED WITHIN 24 HRS. OF SCAN**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATION OF PULMONARY PERFUSION</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THYROID UPTAKE ONLY (RAIU)</b></p> <p><b>-78012</b> NM thyroid uptake single <b>-A9516</b> (X3) I123 Thyroid per/100 UCI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DAY 1, TIME INITIAL: 15 MIN.</li> <li>- CIRCULATION: 4 HRS (PATIENT MAY LEAVE DURING THIS TIME)</li> <li>- UPTAKE: 5 MINUTES</li> <li>- DAY 2, UPTAKE TIME: 5 MIN.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**DO NOT CALL**</b> <b>**NEED LABS**</b> -FREE T3 -FREE T4 -TSH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**USE THYROID FORM**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EVALUATION OF HYPERTHYROIDISM OR HYPOTHYROIDISM</li> <li>- TOXIC GOITER</li> <li>- THYROIDITIS</li> <li>- ABN THYROID SERUM LAB RESULTS</li> <li>- DIFFERENTIATION OF BENIGN VS. MALIGNANT THYROID NODULES</li> </ul>

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<p><b>THYROID CANCER ABLATION</b>                      -78018 (X2) NM thyroid ca whole body                      -78020 NM thyroid ca mets uptake add                      -79005 NM tx rad pharm oral                      -A9517 I131 So Iodide TH Cap/mCi</p>	<p><b>CONTACT NUCLEAR MEDICINE @                      EXT.#2605</b></p>	<p>- THYROID CANCER TREATMENT</p>
<p><b>THYROID CA EVALUATION</b>                      -78018 NM thyroid ca whole body                      -78020 NM thyroid ca mets uptake add                      -A9528 I131 SO Iodide Dx Cap/mCi</p> <p><b>THYROGEN (IF INDICATED)</b>                      -J3240 (x2) Thyrogen Drug                      -96372 (x2) Injection Ther/Proph/Diag</p>	<p><b>CONTACT NUCLEAR MEDICINE @                      EXT.#2605</b></p>	<p>- THYROID CANCER</p>
<p><b>THYROID UPTAKE AND SCAN                      (RAIU DIAGNOSTIC)</b>                      -78014 NM thyroid uptake multiple                      -A9516 (x3) I123 Thyroid per/100UCI</p>	<p>- DAY 1, TIME INITIAL: 15 MIN.                      - CIRCULATION: 4 HRS (PATIENT MAY LEAVE DURING THIS TIME)                      - UPTAKE AND SCAN: 30 MIN.                      - DAY 2 UPTAKE EXAM TIME: 5 MIN.</p> <p><b>**DO NOT CALL**</b>  <b>**NEED LABS**</b>                      -FREE T3                      -FREE T4                      TSH</p> <p><b>**USE THYROID FORM**</b></p>	<p>- EVALUATION OF THYROID ANATOMY                      - EVALUATION OF HYPERTHYROIDISM OR HYPOTHYROIDISM                      - TOXIC GOITER                      - THYROIDITIS                      - ABN THYROID SERUM LAB RESULTS                      - DIFFERENTIATION OF BENIGN VS. MALIGNANT THYROID NODULES</p>

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

**\*\*CHECK SCHEDULE AT 12 PM OR AFTER. AFTER 12 PM, PATIENT ACCESS SHOULD NOTIFY NUCLEAR MEDICINE OF ALL NEXT DAY ADD-ONS, NEXT DAY CANCELLATIONS, AND NEXT DAY TIME CHANGES SO THAT ISOTOPES MAY BE ORDERED OR CANCELLED.**

**\*\*I-123 UPTAKE AND SCANS REQUIRE FREE T3, FREE T4, AND TSH LAB VALUES. PLEASE OBTAIN FROM EMR OR PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE.**

**\*\*PARATHYROID SCANS REQUIRE CA+ AND PTH LAB VALUES. PLEASE OBTAIN FROM EMR OR PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE.**

**\*\*CLINIC NOTES SHOULD BE PULLED ON ALL CANCER PATIENTS**

**\*\*MOST RECENT PSA LAB VALUE HISTORY SHOULD BE PULLED ON ALL PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS**

**\*\*ALL THERAPY PROCEDURES MUST BE SCHEDULED DIRECTLY WITH NM COORDINATOR.**