

GI Bleed

- This procedure will show if bleeding is occurring in your intestines.
- We will take a small amount of blood from your vein (usually from your arm). We treat the blood with a small amount of a radioactive substance, and then reinject the blood back into your vein. This procedure is called "labeling" your red blood cells. In some cases, rather than preparing the blood outside the patient, it is labeled instead by injecting the patient two times, several minutes apart.
- Reactions or side effects caused from radioactive materials are uncommon; on rare occasions, mild effects may occur. Risks associated with these levels of radioactivity, if any, are believed to be quite small and almost always justified by the benefits gained with diagnosis of possible disease.
- After labeling your red blood cells, we will take pictures of your abdomen for a period of _____ minutes.
- It may be necessary to take additional images after _____ hours (4 and 24 hours).