

## Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD)

The cost of the scan may be claimed from Medicare under certain circumstances. These criteria are very strict and some patients are not eligible to claim a Medicare rebate and are therefore required to pay a fee at the time of the examination - this will be explained to the patient when making the booking.

Item	Description	
12320	First visit >70yrs or normal study - 1 visit every 5 years	>70 years old
12322	Osteopenia - 1 visit every 24 months (T Score > -1.5)	>70 years old
12306	One or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma Monitoring of Osteoporosis proven by Bone Densitometry  1 visit every 24 months	All ages
12312	Prolonged glucocorticoid therapy (oral or high dose inhaled steroids) Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion Ovarian hypofunction (amenorrhoea > 6 months before age 45 years) Male hypogonadism  1 visit every 12 months	All ages
12315	Primary hyperparathyroidism Chronic liver disease Chronic renal disease Proven malabsorption disorders Rheumatoid arthritis Conditions associated with thyroxine excess  1 visit every 24 months	All ages
12321	Significant change in therapy for osteoporosis  1 visit every 12 months	All ages

\*Please indicate the appropriate item number and description on the referral.