# **DEXA Scan**

## **Mineral Densitometry (DEXA) testing for** diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis



#### 12306 (one test every 24 months)

Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites (including interpretation and reporting),

confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made based on one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma; or monitoring of low bone mineral density proven by bone densitometry at least 12 months previously.

For any patient, once only in a 24-month period.

#### 12312 (one test every 12 months)

Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites (including interpretation and reporting) for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following:

- (a) prolonged glucocorticoid therapy.
- (b) any condition associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion.
- (c) male hypogonadism.
- (d) female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45.

For any patient, once only in a 12 month period

#### 12315 (one test every 24 months)

Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites (including interpretation and reporting) for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following conditions:

- primary hyperparathyroidism.
- chronic liver disease or chronic renal disease.
- any proven malabsorptive disorder.
- · rheumatoid arthritis.
- any condition associated with thyroxine excess.

For any patient, once only in a 24-month period

#### 12320 (one test every 5 years)

Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computed tomography, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites (including interpretation and reporting) for measurement of bone mineral density, if:

• the patient is 70 years of age or over, and either:

(i) the patient has not previously had bone densitometry; or (ii) the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is -1.5 or more.

For any patient, once only in a 5-year period

### 12321 (one test every 12 months)

Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites at least 12 months after a significant change in therapy (including interpretation and reporting), for:

- established low bone mineral density; or
- confirming a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma.

For any patient, once only in a 12-month period

## 12322 (one test every 24 months)

Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computed tomography, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites (including interpretation and reporting) for measurement of bone mineral density, if:

- the patient is 70 years of age or over; and
- the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is less than -1.5 but more than -2.5:

For any patient, once only in a 2-year period

BULK BILLING Available for patients who satisfy the Medicare criteria above. The cost of a private DEXA is \$120

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