

Bone Mineral Density (BMD) prioritization guide during a pandemic (or any other cause for BMD backlog)

There is a BMD backlog at many Diagnostic Imaging Services as a result of the first wave of the covid-19 pandemic.

Some BMDs are more urgent than others because they will have direct impact on patient management.

This document will provide guidance to Diagnostic Imaging Services in prioritizing their BMD backlogs.

Priority BMDs URGENT Complete within 8 weeks if possible

- Patients age ≥ 50 with a recent major osteoporotic fracture:
 - Hip (proximal femur)
 - Wrist (distal radius)
 - Shoulder (proximal humerus)
 - Thoracic/lumbar spine
 - Pelvis
- Patients age ≥ 50 with recent initiation of Prednisone

For locations where Fracture Liaison Services (FLS) are offered (applicable to certain regions of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec or Nova Scotia):
As FLSs only see fragility fracture patients, all their BMD requests will automatically be priority BMDs.