

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.

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

All BMD requests from Fracture Liaison Services (FLS) will automatically be priority BMDs as FLS only see fragility fracture patients.