

# **DEXA Body Composition Scan**

A DEXA (Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry) body composition scan is a non-invasive medical imaging test that measures the body's bone mineral density, body fat percentage, and lean muscle mass.

## **PURPOSE**

#### **DEXA** scans are used for:

- Monitoring bone health: Detecting osteoporosis and monitoring its progression
- Assessing body composition: Determining body fat distribution, muscle mass, and overall health
- Evaluating nutritional status: Tracking changes in body weight and composition
- Monitoring weight loss or gain: Measuring fat loss or muscle gain

#### **PROCEDURE**

During a DEXA scan, you lie on a table while a specialized low-dose X-ray machine slowly passes over your body. It emits two different energy levels of X-rays, which are absorbed at different rates by bone, fat, and muscle tissue. This information allows the scanner to accurately calculate the amount of each component in your body.



The scan results provide a detailed report that includes:

- Bone mineral density (BMD)
- Body fat percentage
- Lean muscle mass
- Regional fat distribution (e.g., trunk, arms, legs)

## **BENEFITS**

- Non-invasive and painless
- Highly accurate and reliable
- Provides a comprehensive picture of body composition
- Can be used to monitor health and progress over time



# **COST AND AVAILABILITY**

A DEXA Body Composition Scan is considered an elective, non-medically necessary procedure by most insurance providers. Because it is typically used for wellness, fitness, or preventative purposes rather than for diagnosing or treating a medical condition, it does not meet the criteria for insurance coverage. As a result, patients are responsible for the full cost of the scan.

The cost of the DEXA Body Composition Scan is \$75. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call 906-341-3262. Appointment times will be available during normal business hours. Once your appointment is set, our Patient Financial Services team will contact you to arrange payment prior to your visit.



- APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 906-341-3262