

Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD)

The cost of the scan may be claimed from Medicare under certain circumstances. 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.

Follow-up DXA exams should be performed at the same institution and ideally with the same machine. Bone density measurements obtained with different DXA equipment cannot be directly compared.

Item	Description
12320	Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computed tomography, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for measurement of bone mineral density, where 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; other than a service associated to which item 12306, 12312, 12315, 12321 or 12322 applies. <i>1 visit every 5 years</i>
12322	Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computed tomography, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for measurement of bone mineral density, if: (a) the patient is 70 years of age or over; and (b) the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is less than -1.5 but more than -2.5 other than a service associated to which item 12306, 12312, 12315, 12320 or 12321 applies <i>1 visit every 2 years</i>
12306	Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for: (a) confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made based on one or more fractures occurring in the last 10 years after minimal trauma (b) monitoring of low bone mineral density (OSTEOPOROSIS) proven by bone densitometry at least 12 months previously (T Score of -2.5 or less); other than a service associated with a service to which item 12312, 12315 or 12321 applies <i>1 visit every 2 years</i>



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12312	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) prolonged glucocorticoid therapy (>4 months) (b) any condition associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion; (c) male hypogonadism (low testosterone); (d) female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months or complete hysterectomy before the age of 45; <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12315 or 12321 applies</p> <p><i>One visit only in a 12 month period</i></p>
12315	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) primary hyperparathyroidism; (b) chronic liver disease; (c) chronic renal disease; (d) any proven malabsorptive disorder; (e) rheumatoid arthritis; (f) any condition associated with thyroxine excess; <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12312 or 12321 applies</p> <p><i>1 visit every 2 years</i></p>
12321	<p>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 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) established low bone mineral density; or (b) confirming a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma; <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12312 or 12315 applies</p> <p><i>One visit only in a 12 month period</i></p>

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