

## **DEXA:**

***\*\*Can also be called a bone density scan. Looking for osteoporosis (bone loss) only, not to be confused with a nuclear medicine bone scan\*\****

- Insurance will pay for 1 DEXA every 2yrs unless patient is DIAGNOSED with osteoporosis/osteopenia, or is on steroid therapy. In some cases the doctor will order this more often for patients with cancer.
- Need to look in Synapse/RIS to look up the date of the last DEXA to be sure you're booking it after 2yrs
- Last report will show if pt has been diagnosed with osteoporosis or osteopenia
- Patient needs to hold any calcium supplements the day of the test