The Aroostook Medical Center would like you to have the best possible experience while you are in our care. Therefore, we have compiled information for you regarding your procedure. The following information has been provided in order to best serve you by making this process as effortless as possible. If you need further information or if there is anything we can do for you, please call 768-4216 or 768-4294.

**Hours:** 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (walk-ins). Inpatient and emergency services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

**Preparation:** You must not have received packed red blood cells in the last 30 minutes prior to the exam.

Exam time: 1.5 hours. Please allow time for registration, check-in and some wait time.

**The procedure:** There will be two injections; one is a non-radioactive material which will tag onto your red blood cells. Twenty to 30 minutes later, a short-lived radioactive material will be injected. This adheres to the first injection and allows us to observe the blood flowing through the patient’s body. We are looking for the source of the bleeding.

You will come to the Nuclear Medicine department where you will lie on a narrow table and a large machine called a gamma camera will take pictures of you when you are given the second shot. One picture will be taken every 10 minutes for one hour. Additional pictures may be necessary later that day or the next morning to help identify the source of your bleeding. That picture will take only a few minutes and you will not be receiving another injection.

If there is any possibility of pregnancy, you need to let the staff know before the injection of the radioactive material takes place.

This is a very small dose of radiation, about the same as an ordinary x-ray and will not cause you any harm. It is acceptable for small children to visit as long as they maintain a distance of three feet from you.

**Procedure: Gastrointestinal Bleeding Scan**

*(GI Bleed- Nuclear Medicine)*

**Patient Name:** ________________________________  
**Date of Appointment:** ___________________________  
**Time of Appointment:** ___________________________

Basic procedure information: A GI Bleed Scan is a diagnostic imaging procedure that can help detect the origin of gastrointestinal bleeding.

Please enter at the Main Entrance and stop at the Guest Relations desk to be registered. A Guest Relations representative can assist you in finding your way around the hospital as well as take care of any other needs you may have.
Getting your results: After your procedure, the report will be sent to your provider for review. Only the provider who ordered the test will receive the results. The results are available within 48 hours, so please check with the provider who ordered the test after that timeframe to inquire about the results. Any other questions regarding the results should be directed to your provider.

Directions to A. R. Gould Memorial Hospital:

Take Academy St. at the traffic light and drive up the hill. At the crest of the hill, A. R. Gould Memorial Hospital will be on the right. Turn right into the East Entrance and park in the first parking area on your right. This is the closest parking area to the Main Entrance.

If traveling from the Easton area, then you turn left into the East Entrance and park in the first parking area on your right. This is the closest parking area to the Main Entrance. Please stop at the Guest Relations desk to be registered.