

## DEXA Protocol

### Scan Spine and Hips

- Spine
  - If artifact/hardware present, or vertebral fracture, omit area that contain those items.
- Hips
  - If hardware present, do not scan the hip that has hardware or fracture

### Notes

- If patient has hyperparathyroidism, scan non-dominant forearm.
  - If patient has had a fracture in non-dominant forearm, scan other forearm.
- If spine is not useable due to degenerative changes, or hardware throughout the spine, vertebral fractures, or down to using only 1 vertebra, scan hips and non-dominant forearm.
- If patient is 65 years or older, please include a forearm.