# 21 y/o male with Sickle Cell disease presents with leg pain. 

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Tc-99m Sulfur colloid scan showing decreased marrow uptake within the proximal femoral shaft (blue arrow), a segmental defect within the distal left femoral shaft (red arrow), and patchy activity within the tibial shafts, compatible with bone infarcts.

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## Imaging Features

- Tc99m Sulfur Colloid
- Decreased uptake in areas of infarction
- Tc99m-MDP Bone Scan
- Decreased uptake in acute phase
- Increased uptake in subacute phase


## Bone Infarct

## General Features

- Axial skeleton and long bones most frequently involved
- Proximal femur/humerus/tibia are most common sites
- Distal femur often involved
- Sulfur colloid localizes in marrow reticuloendothelial system
- Decreased activity in bone marrow following a vasoocclusive event secondary to marrow edema


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