

# **DRAXIMAGE<sup>®</sup>**

## **SODIUM IODIDE I 131 CAPSULES, USP**

### **THERAPEUTIC**

*For Oral Use*

### **DESCRIPTION**

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP are white gelatin capsules containing sodium iodide I 131 for therapeutic use by oral administration. The capsules are available containing the desired quantity of I 131 assayed for the required date. Each gelatin capsule also contains <0.2 mg of Disodium Edetate Dihydrate and <0.44 mg of Sodium Thiosulfate Pentahydrate absorbed onto approximately 400 mg Sodium Phosphate Dibasic. The specific activity of the I 131 is designated as no-carrier-added.

### **ACTION**

Sodium iodide is rapidly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract. About 10% - 25% of the administered dose is selectively concentrated from the blood by the normal thyroid gland. The thyroid uses iodine to form thyroid hormones (thyroxine [T4], triiodothyronine [T3]) by iodination of tyrosine residues in thyroglobulin. Iodine is also accumulated but not organified by the stomach mucosa, choroid plexus, lactating breast and salivary glands; the remainder is distributed within the extracellular fluid. In euthyroid patients, approximately 60% to 90% of the administered dose is excreted in the urine within 24 hours.

### **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP are indicated for the treatment of hyperthyroidism (diffuse toxic goiter and single or multiple toxic nodular goiter). They may also be used for the treatment of recurrent hyperthyroidism after surgery.

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP may also be used for therapy of some thyroid carcinomas such as functioning metastatic papillary or follicular carcinoma of the thyroid.

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### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Because sodium iodide I 131 may cause fetal harm, it is contraindicated in women who are or may become pregnant. Therefore, this radiopharmaceutical should only be administered to a woman of childbearing capability if pregnancy ( $\beta$ -HCG) tests are negative.

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP are contraindicated in patients who are vomiting or have diarrhea, in the patients with moderate or severe renal dysfunction, and in those with thyrotoxic cardiac disease, particularly the elderly.

## WARNINGS

Because of the increased absorbed radiation dose from I 131 in pediatric patients, the risks and benefits from therapy with Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP must be assessed before consideration is given to the use of this radiopharmaceutical in pediatric patients.

## PRECAUTIONS

### *General*

Goitrogenic foods, many drugs (antitussives, expectorants, glucocorticoids, monovalent anions, sodium nitroprusside, synthetic and natural thyroid preparations, and anti-thyroid medications, iodinated radiographic media, phenylbutazone, salicylates, vitamins, etc.) and certain diseases (nephrosis, impaired renal function, etc.) interfere with the accumulation of radioiodide by the thyroid. Therefore, a careful review of the patient's history, current medication and recent diagnostic tests is required prior to the administration of Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP.

Concomitant use of bone marrow depressants may enhance the depression of the hematopoietic system caused by the use of large doses of sodium iodide I 131.

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP, like other radioactive drugs, must be handled with care. Precautions should be taken to ensure minimum radiation exposure to the patient consistent with proper patient management, and to ensure minimum radiation exposure to occupational workers.

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP are radioactive and therefore adequate shielding of the radiopharmaceutical must be maintained.

The expiry time is 30 days from the calibration date which is indicated on the label accompanying the product vial.

Radiopharmaceuticals should be used only by physicians who are qualified by training

and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate government agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.

### ***Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility***

No long term animal studies have been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic or mutagenic potential of Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP or whether this drug affects fertility in males or females.

### ***Pregnancy***

Animal reproduction and teratogenicity studies have not been conducted with Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP. It is also not known whether Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproductive capacity. There have been no studies in pregnant women.

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP should only be administered to a woman of childbearing capability when appropriate contraceptive measures have been taken or when pregnancy tests are negative. See "CONTRAINDICATIONS".

Ideally, examinations using radiopharmaceuticals, especially those elective in nature, in women of childbearing capability should be performed during the first few (approximately 10) days following the onset of menses.

### ***Nursing Mothers***

Iodine I 131 is excreted in human milk during lactation. Therefore, formula feedings must be substituted for breast feedings.

### ***Pediatric Use***

The risk to benefit ratio should be assessed before consideration is given to the use of this product in this age group. See "WARNINGS".

## **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

With the use of large doses of sodium iodide I 131, potential side effects include acute radiation sickness, sialoadenitis, pain, hemorrhage and swelling in tumors, hyperthyroidism, bone marrow suppression (leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, anemia), and radiation thyroiditis.

About 25% of patients become hypothyroid during the first year post-therapy, while the remainder become hypothyroid at a rate of 2% - 3% per year.

## **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Iodine 131 decays by beta emission and associated gamma emission with a physical half-life of 8.04 days.<sup>1</sup> The principal beta emissions and gamma photons are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**Principal Radiation Emission Data**

Radiation	Mean %/ Disintegration	Mean Energy (kev)
Beta-1	2.12	69.4
Beta-3	7.36	96.6
Beta-4	89.30	191.4
Gamma-7	6.05	284.3
Gamma-14	81.20	364.5
Gamma-17	7.26	637.0

### **External Radiation**

The specific gamma ray constant for I 131 is  $15.8 \mu\text{Ci} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{MBq}^{-1} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$  (2.27 R/mCi-hr) at 1 cm. The first half value layer is 0.26 cm of lead. A range of values for the relative attenuation of the radiation resulting from the interposition of various thicknesses of lead is shown in Table 2. For example, the use of 4.6 cm of lead will attenuate the radiation emitted by a factor of about 1000.

**Table 2**  
**Radiation Attenuation by Lead Shielding**

Shield Thickness (Pb) cm	Coefficient of Attenuation
0.26	0.5
0.95	$10^{-1}$
2.6	$10^{-2}$
4.6	$10^{-3}$
6.5	$10^{-4}$

To correct for physical decay of this radionuclide, the fractions that remain at selected intervals after calibration are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3**

**Physical Decay Chart**  
**Iodine 131: Half-life 8.04 days**

Days	Fraction Remaining	Days	Fraction Remaining	Days	Fraction Remaining
0*	1.00	8	0.50	15	0.274
1	0.917	9	0.460	16	0.252
2	0.842	10	0.422	17	0.231
3	0.772	11	0.387	18	0.212
4	0.708	12	0.355	19	0.194
5	0.650	13	0.326	20	0.178
6	0.596	14	0.299	21	0.164
7	0.547				

\*Calibration Time

### RADIATION DOSIMETRY

The estimated absorbed radiation doses<sup>2</sup> to a euthyroid adult patient (70 kg) with different levels of thyroid uptake delivered by the oral administration of a Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP are shown in Table 4.

**Table 4**  
**Absorbed Radiation Doses**

Organ	Maximum Thyroid Uptake					
	5%		15%		25%	
	mGy/MBq	rads/mCi	mGy/MBq	rads/mCi	mGy/MBq	rads/mCi
Thyroid	70	260	220	800	350	1300
Stomach Wall	0.46	1.7	0.43	1.6	0.38	1.4
Red Marrow	0.038	0.14	0.054	0.20	0.07	0.26
Liver	0.054	0.2	0.095	0.35	0.13	0.48
Testes	0.023	0.08	0.023	0.09	0.024	0.09
Ovaries	0.038	0.14	0.038	0.14	0.038	0.14
Total Body	0.065	0.24	0.13	0.47	0.19	0.71

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dosage ranges of Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP for therapy of the average (70 kg) adult patient are:

**Hyperthyroidism:** 148 - 370 megabecquerels (4 - 10 millicuries). Certain disorders such as toxic nodular goiter may require larger doses. Anti-thyroid drugs should be discontinued for 3 - 4 days prior to the administration of the dose and withheld for 7 - 14 days afterwards.

**Thyroid Carcinoma:** 3.7 - 5.55 gigabecquerels (100 - 150 millicuries) for ablation of normal thyroid tissue.  
3.7 - 7.4 gigabecquerels (100 - 200 millicuries) for subsequent treatments.

The patient dose should be measured by a suitable radioactivity calibration system immediately prior to administration.

## **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP are ready for oral administration. Take precautions to minimize radiation exposure by the use of suitable shielding. Waterproof gloves should be worn while handling the radiopharmaceutical.

## **HOW SUPPLIED**

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## **STORAGE**

Sodium Iodide I 131 Capsules, USP should be stored in a dry place at or below room temperature (2°C - 30°C).

## EXPIRY

Expiry is 30 days from the calibration date that is stated on the label accompanying the product vial.

## REFERENCES

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