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DESCRIPTION: The Xenon Xe 133-Ventilation Study System consists of a sealed frangible capsule containing 10 millicuries $\pm 20\%$ of Xenon Xe 133 gas at calibration time and date with less than 1% carrier xenon in air.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE: Study of pulmonary ventilation.

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PRECAUTIONS: Xenon Xe 133 gas, as well as other radicactive drugs, must be handled with care and appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize radiation exposure to clinical personnel and to patients consistent

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ADVERSE REACTIONS: Adverse reactions specifically attributable to Xenon Xe 133 have not been reported.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The recommended activity range for pulmonary ventilation studies in the average patient (70 kg) is 2 to 20 millicuries (0.03 to 0.3 millicuries/kg).

HOW SUPPLIED: Each Ventilation Study System (V.S.S.) contains Xenon Xe 133 in a sealed frangible capsule containing 10 millicuries $\pm 20\%$ at calibration time and date stated on the label.

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Century City Hospital, Los Angeles.

AN-MDP™ Technetium Tc 99m Medronate Kit

Indications and usage. Technetium Tc 99m Medronate may be used as a bone imaging agent to delineate areas of altered esterogenetics. altered osteogenesis

Contraindications, None known

Warnings. This class of compounds is known to complex cations such as calcium. Particular caution should be use with patients who have or who may be predisposed to hypocalcemia (i.e., alkalosis)

Precautions. Contents of the vial are intended only for use

in the preparation of Technetium Tc 99m Medronate and are NOT to be administered directly to the patient. Technetium Tc 99m Medronate, as well as other radioactive drugs, must to service a with care and appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize radiation exposure to patients consistent with proper patient management.

To minimize radiation dose to the bladder, patients should be encouraged to drink fluids and to void immediately before the examination and as often thereafter as possible for the lext 4-6 hours

Technetium Tc 99m Medronate should be formulated within six (6) hours prior to clinical use. Optimal imaging results are obtained 1–4 hours after administration.

Carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, impairment of fertility. No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate

carcinogenic potential or whether Technetium Tc 99m Medronate affects fertility in males or females.

Pregnancy category C. Animal reproductive studies have not been conducted with Technetium Tc 99m Medronate it is also not known whether Technetium Tc 99m Medronate can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Technetium Tc 99m should be given to a pregnant woman only it clearly needed ideally, examinations using radiopharmaceuticals, especially those elective in nature: of a woman of childbearing capability should be berformed during the first few (approximately 10) days following the onset of menses

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Pediatric use. Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established

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

Adverse reactions. No adverse reactions specifically attributable to the use of Technetium Tc 99m Medronate have been reported.

Dosage and administration. The suggested dose range for v administration, after reconstitution with oxidant-free sodium pertechnetate TC 99m Injection, to be employed in the average patient (70 kg) is

Bone imaging 10-20 mCi Technetium Tc 99m Medronate

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Diagnosis: hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy

Imaging information: Instrument: GE MaxiCamera™ 535Dose: 20 mCi OSTEOLITEScan time: 2.5-3.0 hours postinjectionAcquisition time: 6 minutes/view





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OSTEOLITE Technetium Tc 99m Medronate Sodium Kit (MDP)

INDICATIONS AND USAGE: Technetium Tc 99m OSTEOLITE may be used as a bone imaging agent to delineate areas of altered osteogenesis. **CONTRAINDICATIONS:** None known

WARNINGS: The contents of the OSTEOLITE vial are intended only for use in the preparation of Technetium Tc 99m medronate sodium and are NOT to be directly administered to the patient

Ideally, examinations using radiopharmaceuticals – especially those elective in nature – of women of childbearing capability should be performed during the first ten days following the onset of menses

PRECAUTIONS: A thorough knowledge of the normal distribution of intrave-nously administered Technetium Tc 99m medronate sodium is essential in order

To accurately interpret pathologic studies. Technetium Tc 99m medronate sodium, as well as any radioactive agent, must be handled with care. Once sodium pertechnetale C 99m is added to the kit, appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize external radiation exposure to clinical personnel. Care should also be taken to minimize radiation exposure to patients in a manner consistent with proper patient management Since 50-75% of the administered dose is renally excreted, good patient

hydration and frequent voiding for 4-6 hours post-injection will significantly

reduce the bladder wall dose. The Technetium Tc 99m labeling reaction involved in preparing Technetium Tc 99m medronate sodium depends on the maintenance of tin in the divalent state. Any oxidant present in the sodium pertechnetate Tc 99m employed may adversely affect the quality of the prepared agent. Thus, sodium pertechnetate Tc 99m containing oxidants should not be used without first demonstrating that it is without adverse effect on the properties of the resulting agent. The use of bacteriostatic sodium chloride as a diluent for sodium pertechne-

tate Tc 99m may adversely affect the biologic distribution of the prepared agent, and its use is not recommended

Adequate reproduction studies have not been performed in animals to determine whether this drug affects fertility in males or females. has teratogenic potential, or has other adverse effects on the fetus. Technetium Tc 99m medronate sodium should be used in pregnant women only when clearly needed. It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. As a general rule nursing should not be undertaken when a patient is administered radioactive material.

Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established ADVERSE REACTIONS: None reported.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The recommended dose for the average 70kg adult patient is 15mCi with a range of 10-20mCi. The patient dose should be measured by a suitable radioactivity calibration system immediately prior to administration

Optimal imaging results are obtained within one to four hours after adminis-

OSTEOLITE should be used within six hours after aseptic reconstitution with sodium pertechnetate Tc 99m. For optimum results this time should be minimized

The vial contains no bacteriostat.

Radiopharmaceuticals should be used by persons who are qualified by spe-cific training in the safe use and handling of radionucides produced by nuclear reactor or particle accelerator and whose experience and training have been ap-proved by the appropriate governmental agencies authorized to license the use of radionuclides

HOW SUPPLIED: NEN'S OSTEOLITE™ Technetium Tc 99m Medronate Sodium

HOW SUPPLIED: NEN'S OSTEOLITETM Technetium Tc 99m Medronate Sodium Kit is supplied as a set of five or thirty vials. sterile and non-pyrogenic. Each nitrogen-flushed vial contains in lyophilized form: Medronate Disodium – 10mg Stannous Chloride Dihydrate – 0.85mg The pH is adjusted to between 7.0-7.5 with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide solution. The contents of the vial were lyophilized under nitrogen. Store at room temperature (15:-30 C). Included in each five (5) vial kit is one (1) package insert and thirty-six (36) radiation labels. The contents of the kit vials are not radioactive; however, <u>after reconstitution</u> with sodium pertechnetate Tc 99m the contents are radioactive and adequate <u>shielding and handling precautions must be maintained</u>. Do not use if there is a vacuum in the immediate drug container or if air is in-jected into the container when the dose is withdrawn.

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Diagnosis: reversible ischemia, apical, septal, anterior segments

Imaging information: Instrument: Ohio Nuclear Sigma 400 Gamma Camera, VIP 450 Collimator: General, all purpose Dose: 1.5 mCi thallous chloride TI 201 Scan time: exercise — 4 minutes postinjection, redistribution — 4 hours Acquisition time: 10 minutes

Thallous Chloride TI 201



Please see following page for brief prescribing information.

Thallous Chloride TI 201

INDICATIONS AND USAGE: Thallous Chloride TI 201 may be useful in myocardial perfusion imaging for the diagnosis and localization of myocardial infarction.

It may also be useful in conjunction with exercise stress testing as an adjunct in the diagnosis of ischemic heart disease (atherosclerotic coronary artery disease).

CONTRAINDICATIONS: None known.

WARNINGS: In studying patients in whom myocardial infarction or ischemia is known or suspected, care should be taken to assure continuous clinical monitoring and treatment in accordance with safe, accepted procedure. Exercise stress testing should be performed only under the supervision of a qualified physician and in a laboratory equipped with appropriate resuscitation and support apparatus.

Ideally, examinations using radiopharmaceutical drug products – especially those elective in nature – of women of childbearing capability should be performed during the first ten days following the onset of menses.

PRECAUTIONS: Data are not available concerning the effect of marked alterations in blood glucose, insulin, or pH (such as is found in diabetes mellitus) on the quality of thallium TI 201 scans. Attention is directed to the fact that thallium is a potassium analog, and since the transport of potassium is affected by these factors, the possibility exists that the thallium may likewise be affected. Thallous Chloride TI 201, as all radioactive materials, must be handled with

Thallous Chloride T1 201, as all radioactive materials, must be handled with care and used with appropriate safety measures to minimize external radiation exposure to clinical personnel. Care should also be taken to minimize radiation exposure to patients in a manner consistent with proper patient management. No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic

potential. Adequate reproduction studies have not been performed in animals to de-

potential, or has other adverse effects on the fetus. Thallous Chloride TI 201

Gallium Citrate Ga67

INDICATIONS AND USAGES: Gallium Citrate Ga-67 may be useful in demonstrating the presence and extent of the following malignancies: Hodgkins disease. lymphomas and bronchogenic carcinoma. Positive Ga-67 uptake in the absence of prior symptoms warrants follow-up as an indication of a potential disease state.

Gallium Citrate Ga 67 may be useful as an aid in detecting some acute inflammatory lesions.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: None known.

WARNINGS: Gallium Citrate Ga 67 should not be administered to children or to patients who are pregnant or to nursing mothers unless the information to be gained outweighs the potential hazards. Ideally, examinations using radiopharmaceutical drug products, especially those elective in nature of a woman of childbearing capability should be performed during the first few (approximately ten) days following the onset of menses.

PRECAUTIONS: A thorough knowledge of the normal distribution of intravenously administered Gallium Citrate Ga 67 is essential in order to accurately interpret pathologic studies. The findings of an abnormal gallium concentration usually implies the exis-

The findings of an abnormal gallium concentration usually implies the existence of underlying pathology, but further diagnostic studies should be done to distinguish benign from malignant lesions. Gallium Citrate Ga 67 is intended for use as an adjunct in the diagnosis of certain neoplasms. Certain pathologic conditions may yield up to 40% false negative gallium studies. Therefore a negative study cannot be definitively interpreted as ruling out the presence of disease.

Lymphocytic lymphoma frequently does not accumulate Gallium Ga 67 sufficiently for unequivocal imaging; and the use of gallium with this histologic type of lymphoma is not recommended at this time.

Gallium Citrate Ga 67, as well as other radioactive drugs, must be handled with care and appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize external radiation exposure to clinical personnel. Also, care should be taken to minimize radiation exposure to patients consistent with proper patient management. No long term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic

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Adequate reproduction studies have not been performed in animals to determine whether this drug affects fertility in males or females, has teratogenic potential, or has other adverse effects on the fetus. Gallium Citrate Ga 67 should be used in pregnant women only when clearly needed.

It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. As a general rule nursing should not be undertaken when a patient is administered radioactive material.

Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Adverse reactions related to use of this agent have not been reported to date.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The recommended adult (70kg) dose of Thallous Chloride TI 201 is 1-1.5mCi. Thallous Chloride TI 201 is intended for intravenous administration only.

For patients undergoing resting thallium studies, imaging is optimally begun within 10-20 minutes after injection. Several investigators have reported improved myocardial-to-background ratios when patients are injected in the fasting state, in an upright posture, or after briefly ambulating.

In an upright posture, or after briefly ambulating. Best results with thallium imaging performed in conjunction with exercise stress testing appear to be obtained if the thallium is administered when the patient reaches maximum stress and when the stress is continued for 30 seconds to one minute after injection. Imaging should begin within ten minutes postinjection since target-to-background ratio is optimum by that time. Several investigators have reported significant decreases in the target-to-background ratios of lesions attributable to transient ischemia by two hours after the completion of stress testing.

The patient dose should be measured by a suitable radioactivity calibration system immediately prior to administration. Radiopharmaceuticals should be used by persons with specific training in the

Radiopharmaceuticals should be used by persons with specific training in the safe use and handling of radionuclides produced by nuclear reactor or particle accelerator and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate government agencies authorized to license the use of radionuclides. **HOW SUPPLIED:** Thallous Chloride TI 201 for intravenous administration is supplied as a sterile, non-pyrogenic solution containing at calibration time, ImCi/ml of Thallous TI 201, 9mg/ml sodium chloride, and 9mg/ml of benzyl alcohol. The pH is adjusted to between 4.5-6.5 with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide solution. Vials are available in the following quantities of radioactivity: 1.5.3.0, 4.5.6.0, and 9.0 millicuries of Thallous TI 201. **The contents of the vial are radioactive. Adequate shielding and handling precautions must be maintained**.

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should be used in pregnant women only when clearly needed. Gallium Citrate Ga 67 has been found to accumulate in breast milk and

should not be used in nursing mothers.

Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established. Gallium Ga 67 localization cannot differentiate between turnor and acute inflammation; and other diagnostic studies must be added to define the underlying pathology.

ing pathology. The expiration date of the drug is seven days after the date of calibration. **ADVERSE REACTIONS:** Severe itching, erythema and rash were observed in one patient of 300 studied.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The recommended adult (70kg) dose of Gallium Citrate Ga 67 is 2-5mCi. Gallium Citrate Ga 67 is intended for intravenous administration only.

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How SUPPLIED: Gallium Citrate Ga 67 is supplied sterile and non-pyrogenic for intravenous use. Each ml contains 2mCi of Gallium Ga 67 on the calibration date, as a complex formed from 9ng gallium chloride Ga 67, 2mg of sodium citrate, 6.8mg sodium chloride, and 0.9% benzyl alcohol w/v as preservative. The pH is adjusted to between 4.5-7.5 with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide solution. Vals are available from 3mCi to 18mCi in increments of 3mCi on calibration

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Diagnosis: intranephric abscess

 Imaging information: Instrument: Cleon 760 Whole Body Imager

 Scan time: 48 hours postinjection
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Dose: 5 mCi Gallium Citrate Ga 67





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