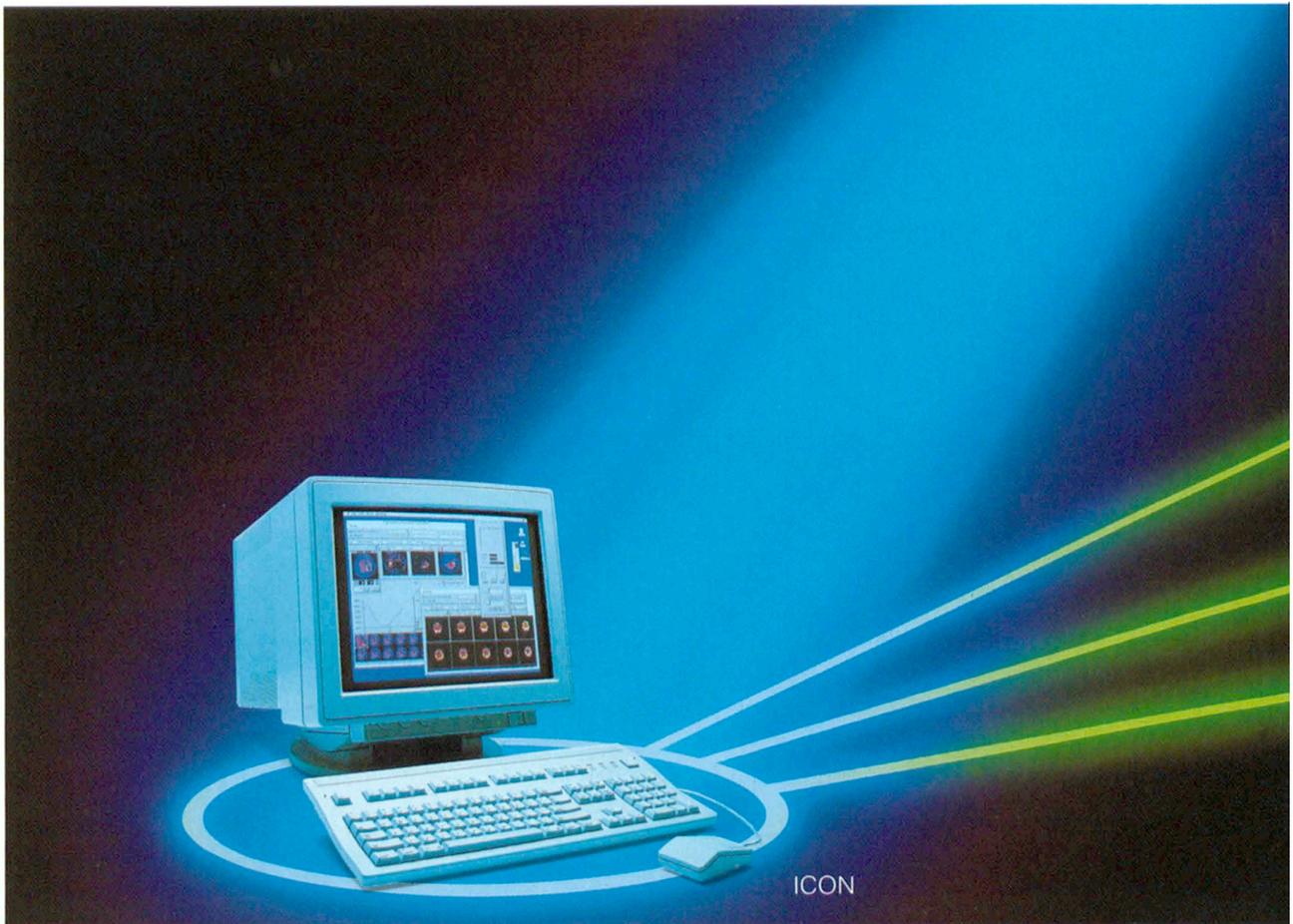
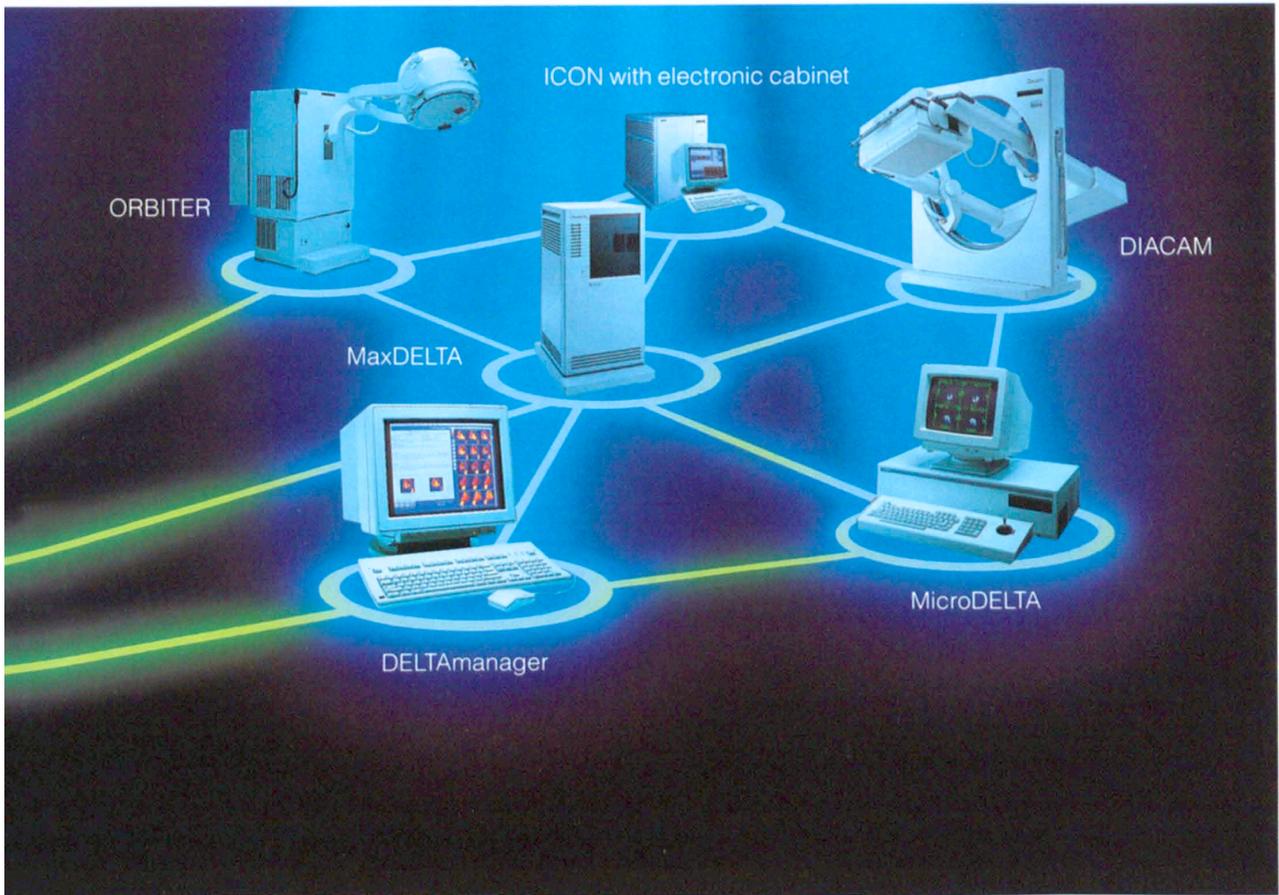


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### Message in a Bottle

There are many forms of communication and most, by definition, include at least two parties who alternate between sending and receiving information. That there are two parties is important—as it allows for critical assessment of the information being transmitted, which in turn makes for improved future communications. When we are only allowed to transmit, or to receive, there is bound to be miscommunication.

The fax machine is a perfect example of a potential miscommunication tool. It is in a sense a sophisticated way of sending ‘messages in a bottle.’ We place the message in the bottle and the bottle in the electronic stream, and wait. When our machine signals us that transmission has taken place, we say, aha, we have communicated. But that is not necessarily so.

True communication depends on some form of direct linkage between two active parties, and that is a highly underrated and some might even say, rare, phenomena. Even when we encounter our intended communication partner(s) directly, face to face, that link may not be made. This is a situation of which any scientist who has given a lecture is aware.

Is reading a form of communication? Well certainly for the reader and the writer that important two-way link is, at best, delayed. In the case of a biomedical journal, though it is certainly the intention of authors and editors to communicate with their audience, poor communication is not usually fatal. When no linkage occurs, a journal may content itself with lecturing its audience—hoping at some future date, to hear the response.

Perhaps then there is no significance in the fact that there is so little two-way communication between *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* and its readers. Each month over 13,000 copies of this *Journal* are distributed around the world. In the past year, over 2,000 manuscript pages were published, and yet they engendered only 66 letters. Letters, like penmanship, may simply be yet another archaic communication tool in danger of extinction.

It is certainly a sign of the times that various biomedical publications repeatedly publish articles that seem to have no impact on their readers. Using the citation index as an example, a recent editorial by John Maddox in the prestigious journal *Nature* reported that over 60% of all articles published in scientific journals are not referenced even once. Yet while that statistic clearly suggests that the majority of scientific research does not impress other scientists, it does not mean that the work had no effect on practitioners in the field. Nevertheless, until the staff and contributors to these journals hear otherwise, none will know what the effect of these articles was.

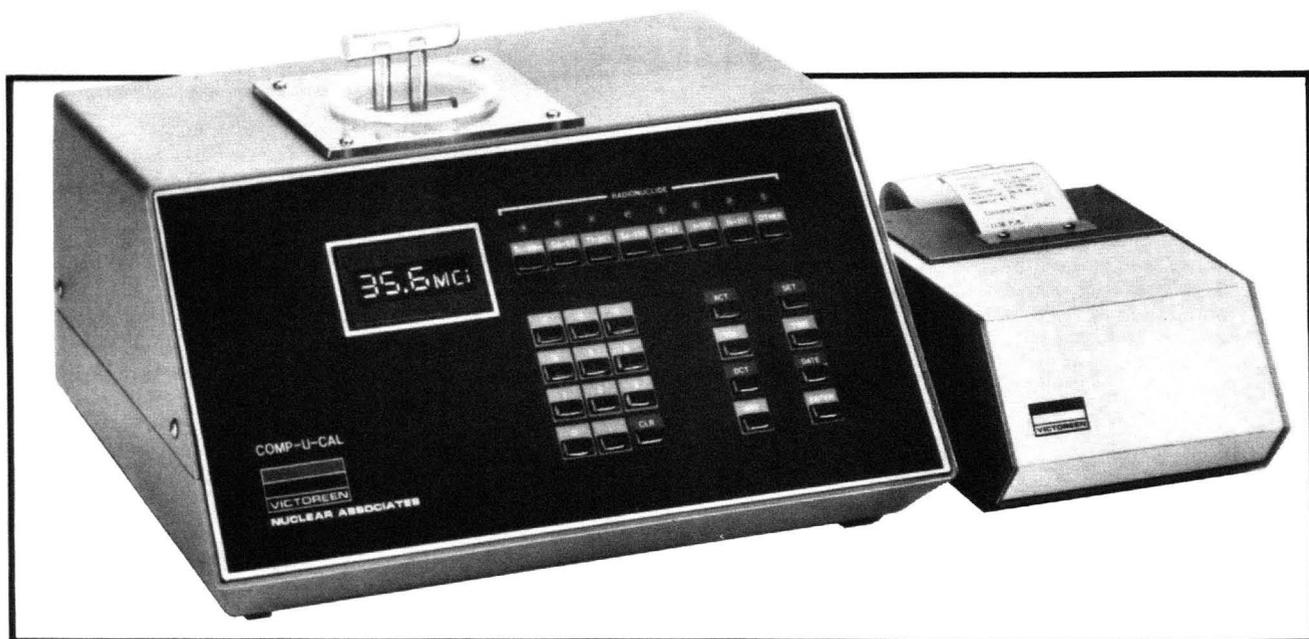
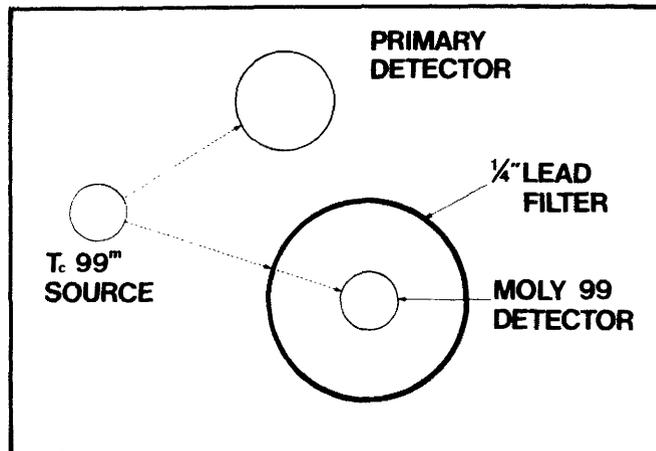
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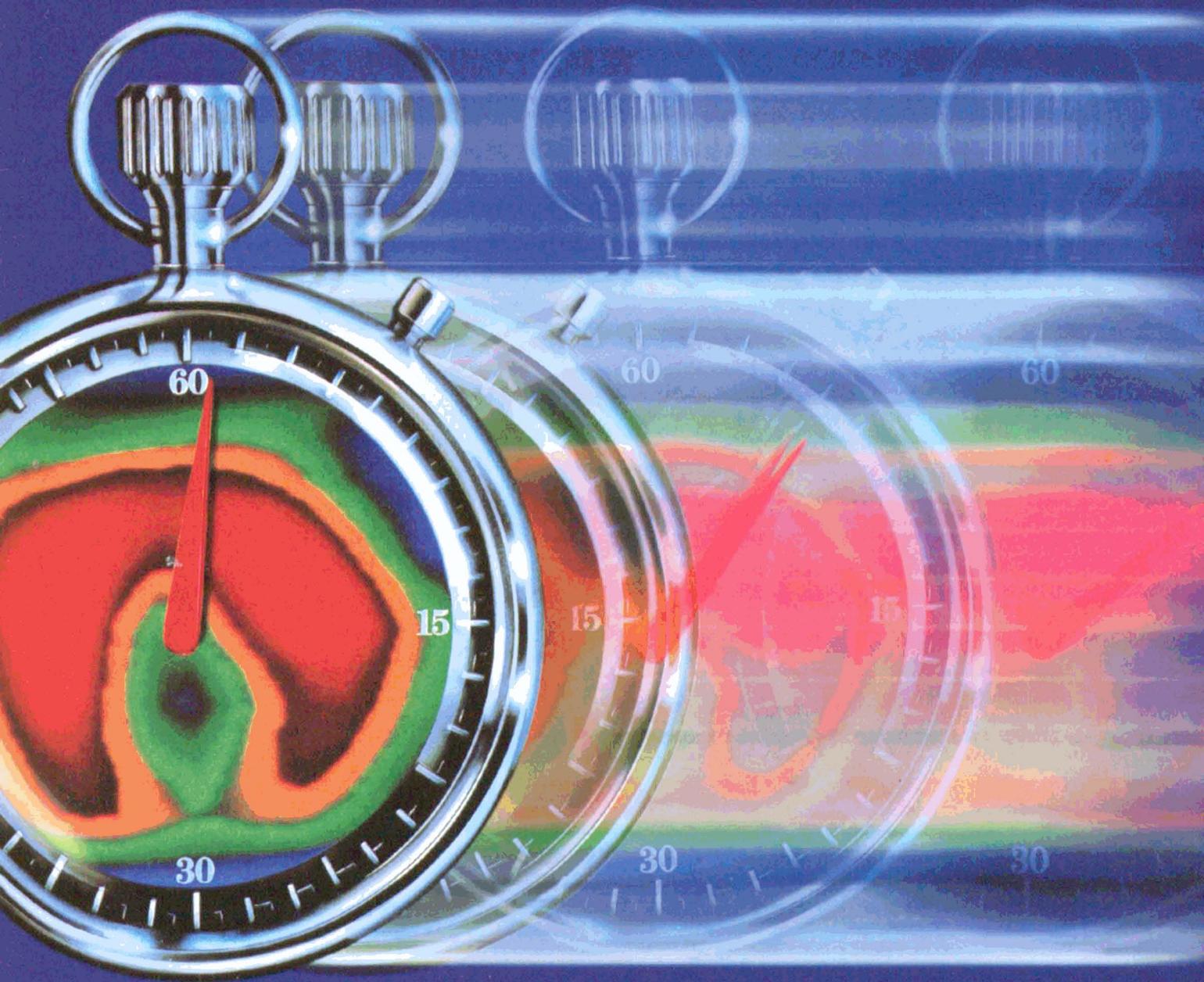
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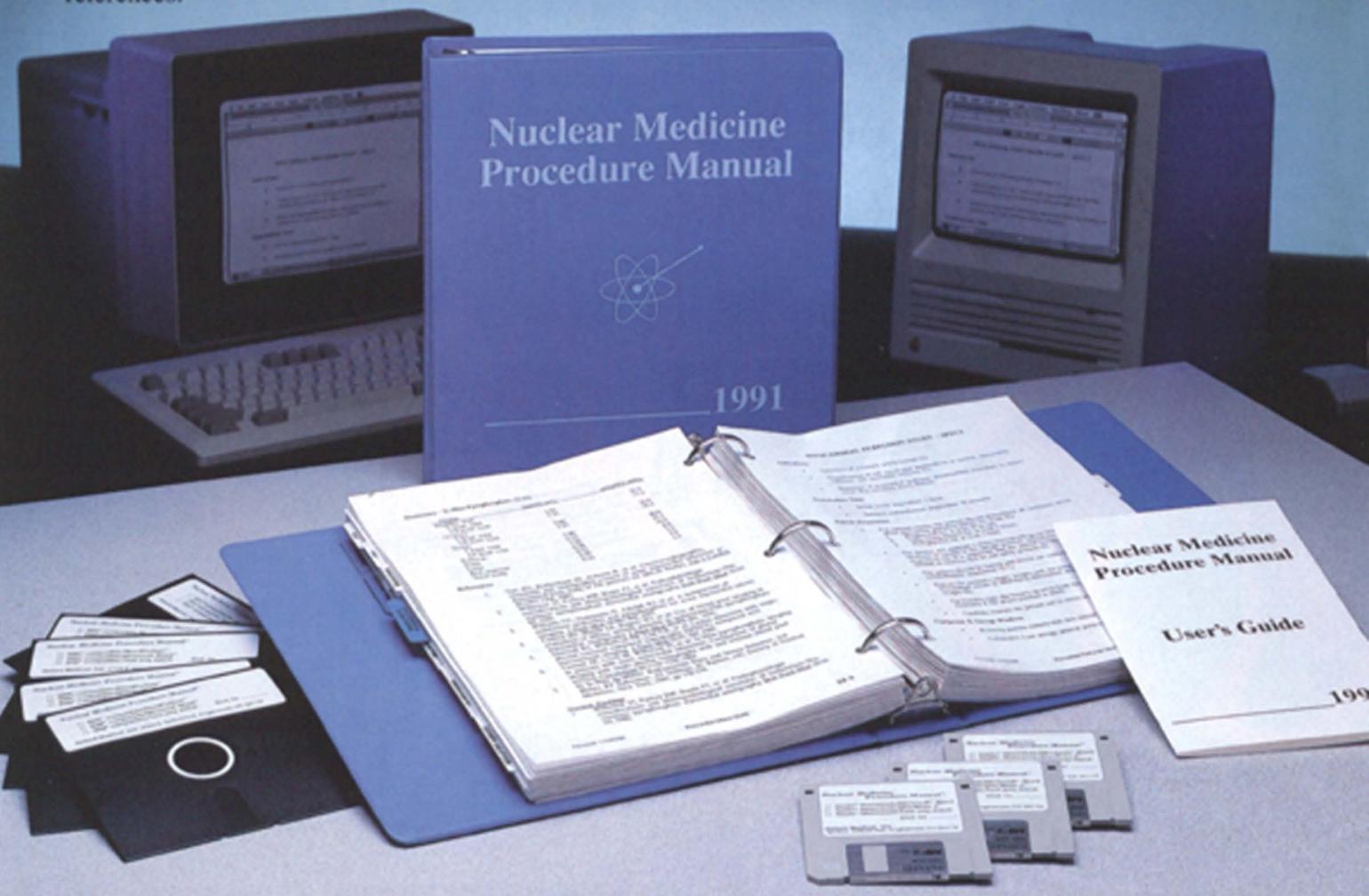
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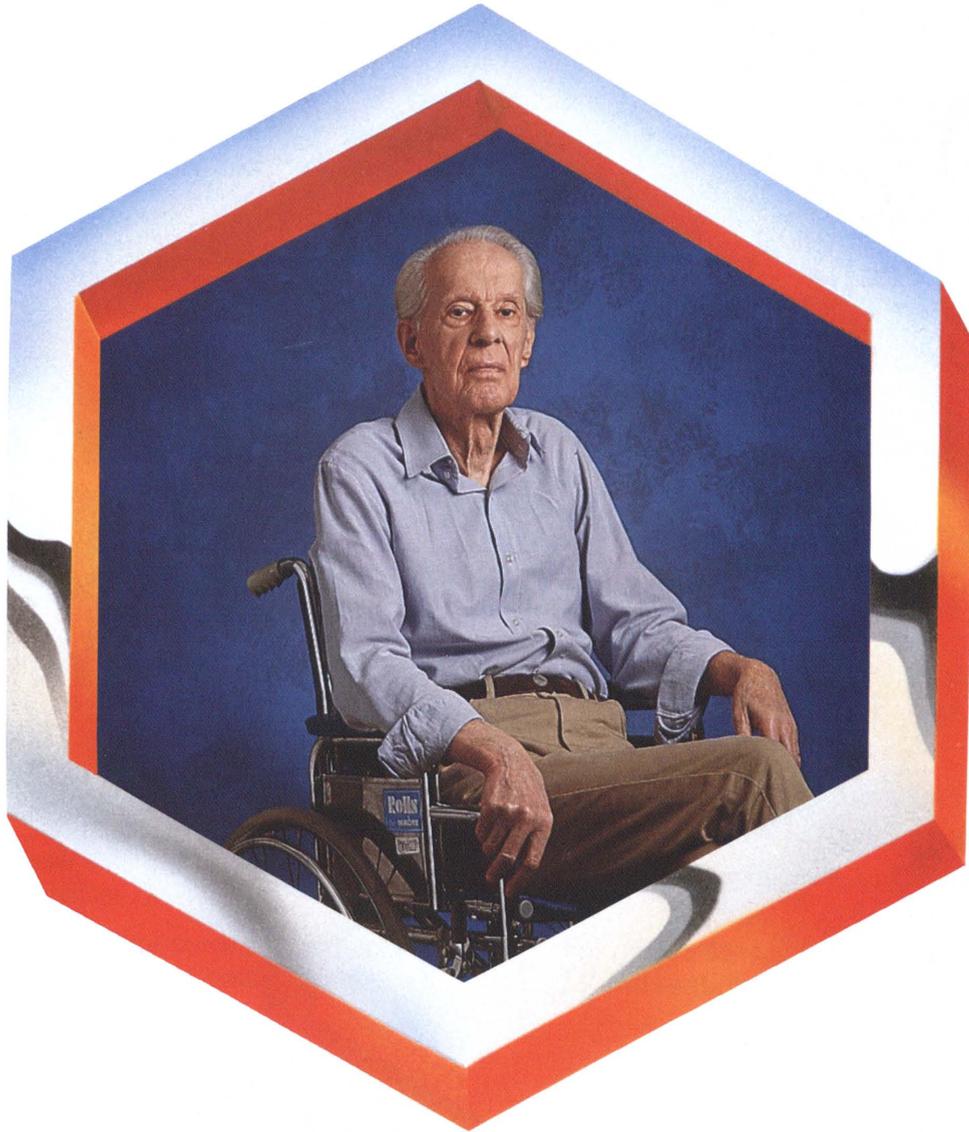
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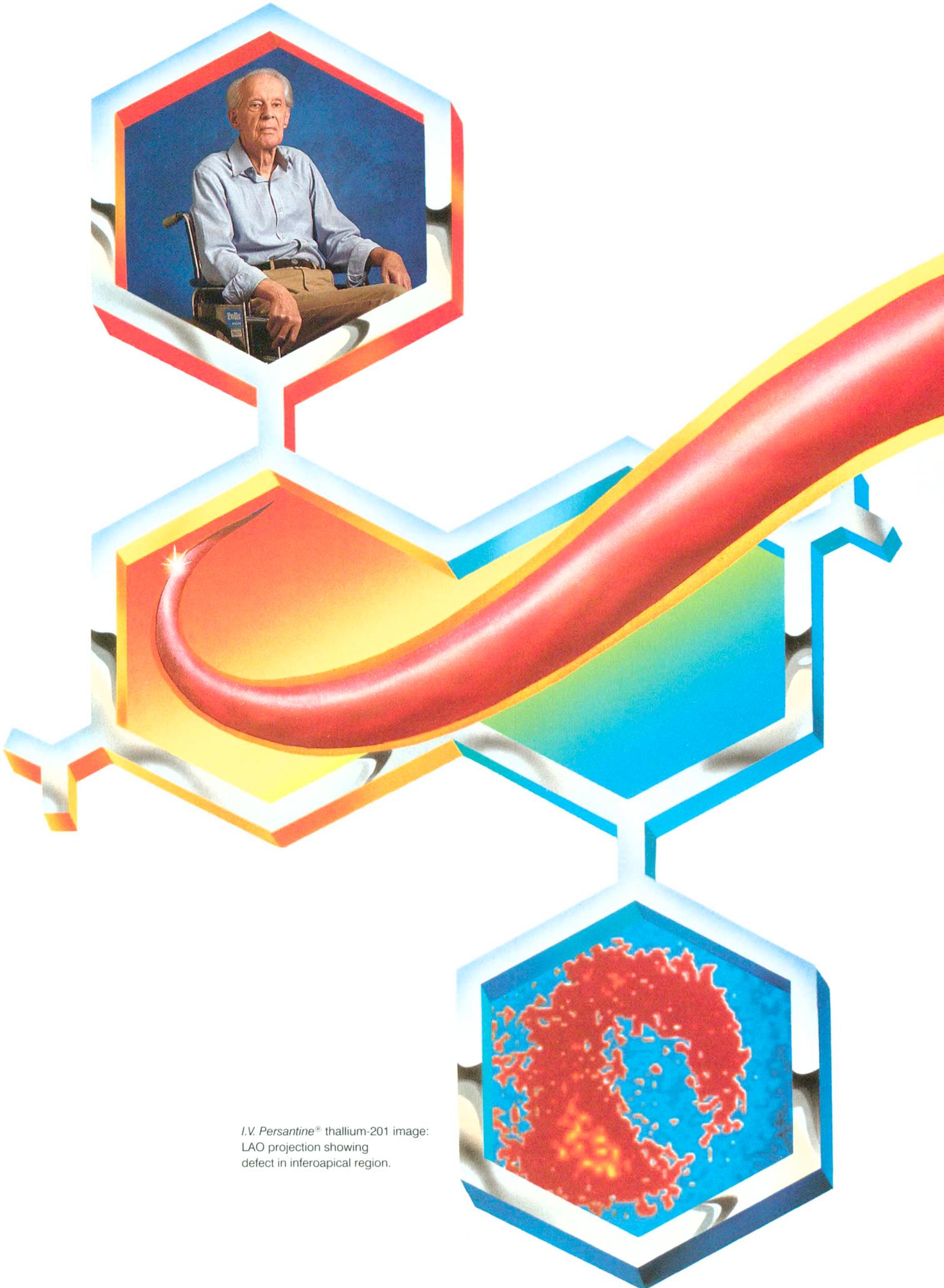
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When thallium myocardial perfusion imaging is performed with intravenous Persantine, parenteral aminophylline should be readily available for relieving adverse events such as bronchospasm or chest pain. Vital signs should be monitored during, and for 10-15 minutes following, the intravenous infusion of Persantine and an electrocardiographic tracing should be obtained using at least one chest lead. Should severe chest pain or bronchospasm occur, parenteral aminophylline may be administered by slow intravenous injection (50-100 mg over 30-60 seconds) in doses ranging from 50 to 250 mg. In the case of severe hypotension, the patient should be placed in a supine position with the head tilted down if necessary, before administration of parenteral aminophylline. If 250 mg of aminophylline does not relieve chest pain symptoms within a few minutes, sublingual nitroglycerin may be administered. If chest pain continues despite use of aminophylline and nitroglycerin, the possibility of myocardial infarction should be considered. If the clinical condition of a patient with an adverse event permits a one minute delay in the administration of parenteral aminophylline, thallium-201 may be injected and allowed to circulate for one minute before the injection of aminophylline. This will allow initial thallium perfusion imaging to be performed before reversal of the pharmacologic effects of Persantine on the coronary circulation.

**PRECAUTIONS** See WARNINGS.

**Drug Interactions** Oral maintenance theophylline may abolish the coronary vasodilatation induced by intravenous Persantine® (dipyridamole USP) administration. This could lead to a false negative thallium imaging result.

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**ADVERSE REACTIONS** Adverse reaction information concerning intravenous Persantine® (dipyridamole USP) is derived from a study of 3911 patients in which intravenous Persantine was used as an adjunct to thallium myocardial perfusion imaging and from spontaneous reports of adverse reactions and the published literature.

Serious adverse events (fatal and non-fatal myocardial infarction, severe ventricular arrhythmias, and serious CNS abnormalities) are described above (see WARNINGS).

In the study of 3911 patients, the most frequent adverse reactions were: chest pain/angina pectoris (19.7%), electrocardiographic changes (most commonly ST-T changes) (15.9%), headache (12.2%), and dizziness (11.8%).

Adverse reactions occurring in greater than 1% of the patients in the study are chest pain/angina pectoris (19.7%), headache (12.2%), dizziness (11.8%), electrocardiographic abnormalities/ST-T changes (15.9%), electrocardiographic abnormalities/extrasystoles (5.2%), hypotension (4.6%), nausea (4.6%), flushing (3.4%), electrocardiographic abnormalities/tachycardia (3.2%), dyspnea (2.6%), pain unspecified (2.6%), blood pressure lability (1.6%), hypertension (1.5%), paresthesia (1.3%), fatigue (1.2%).

Less common adverse reactions occurring in 1% or less of the patients within the study included:

**Cardiovascular System:** Electrocardiographic abnormalities/unspecified (0.6%), arrhythmia unspecified (0.6%), palpitation (0.3%), ventricular tachycardia (0.2% see WARNINGS), bradycardia (0.2%), myocardial infarction (0.1% see WARNINGS), AV block (0.1%), syncope (0.1%), orthostatic hypotension (0.1%), atrial fibrillation (0.1%), supraventricular tachycardia (0.1%), ventricular arrhythmia unspecified (0.03% see WARNINGS), heart block unspecified (0.03%), cardiomyopathy (0.03%), edema (0.03%).

**Central and Peripheral Nervous System:** Hypothesia (0.5%), hypertension (0.3%), nervousness/anxiety (0.2%), tremor (0.1%), abnormal coordination (0.03%), somnolence (0.03%), dysphonia (0.03%), migraine (0.03%), vertigo (0.03%).

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**Respiratory System:** Pharyngitis (0.3%), bronchospasm (0.2% see WARNINGS), hyperinflation (0.1%), rhinitis (0.1%), coughing (0.03%), pleural pain (0.03%).

**Other:** Myalgia (0.9%), back pain (0.6%), injection site reaction unspecified (0.4%), diaphoresis (0.4%), asthenia (0.3%), malaise (0.3%), arthralgia (0.3%), injection site pain (0.1%), rigor (0.1%), earache (0.1%), tinnitus (0.1%), vision abnormalities unspecified (0.1%), dysgeusia (0.1%), thirst (0.03%), depersonalization (0.03%), eye pain (0.03%), renal pain (0.03%), perineal pain (0.03%), breast pain (0.03%), intermittent claudication (0.03%), leg cramping (0.03%).

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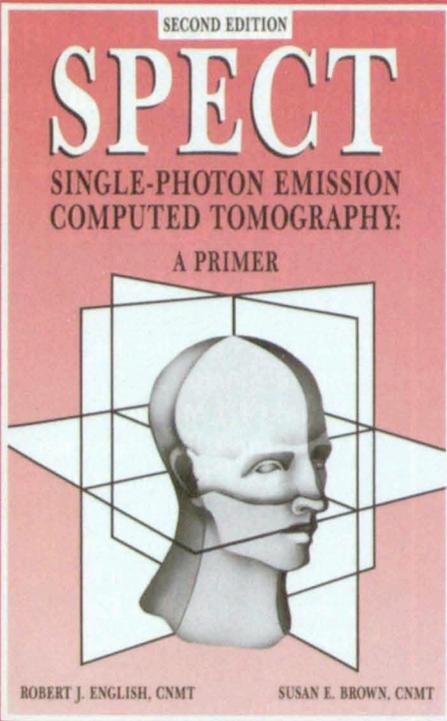
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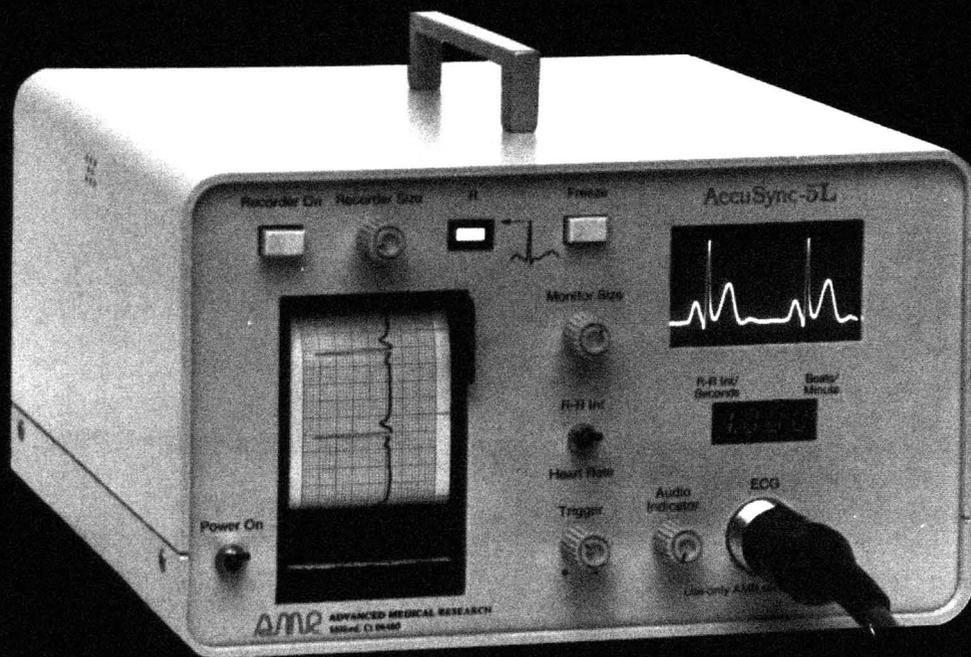
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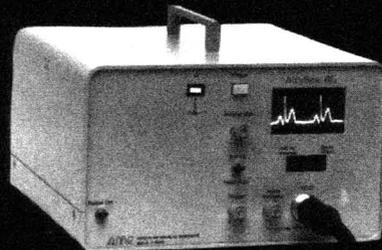


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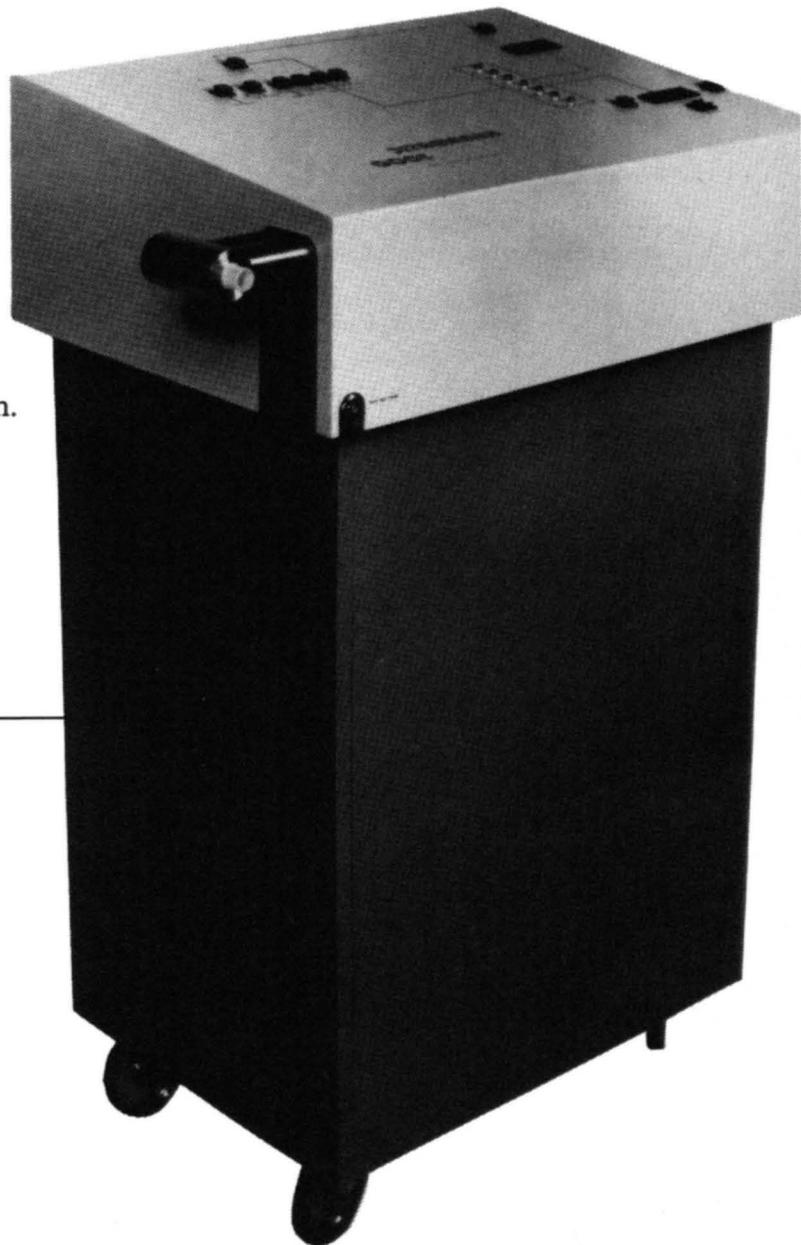
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The 38th Annual Meeting of The Society of Nuclear Medicine will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, June 11 through Friday, June 14, 1991. The Cincinnati Convention Center is the site of all of the educational activities for this meeting.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

A primary focus for every SNM Annual Meeting are the Continuing Education activities that are offered for physicians, scientists, pharmacists, and technologists.

This year we are pleased to offer 7 categorical seminars and over 39 continuing education courses. There will also be a Nuclear Medicine Review Course which is geared for the nuclear medicine resident preparing for the ABNM boards and others who wish to refresh their knowledge for practice in nuclear medicine.

All of the categorical seminars will take place on Monday, June 10 from 8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. All other continuing education sessions will occur over the dates of the meeting.

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Another important component of the meeting is the technical exhibits, where the most advanced products and services for the nuclear medicine practitioner will be displayed. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with technical experts and to see demonstrations of new equipment in an atmosphere free from the pressures of their busy practices.

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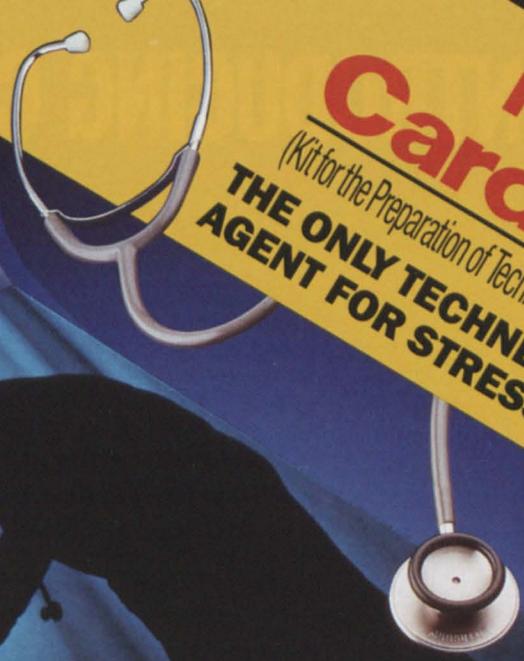
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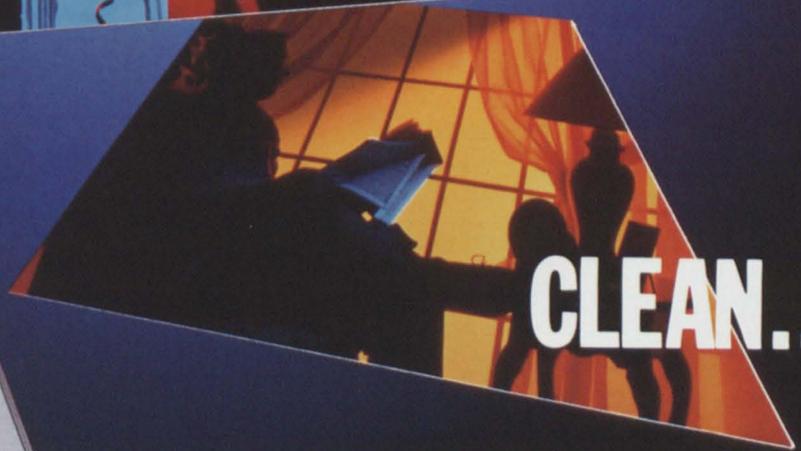
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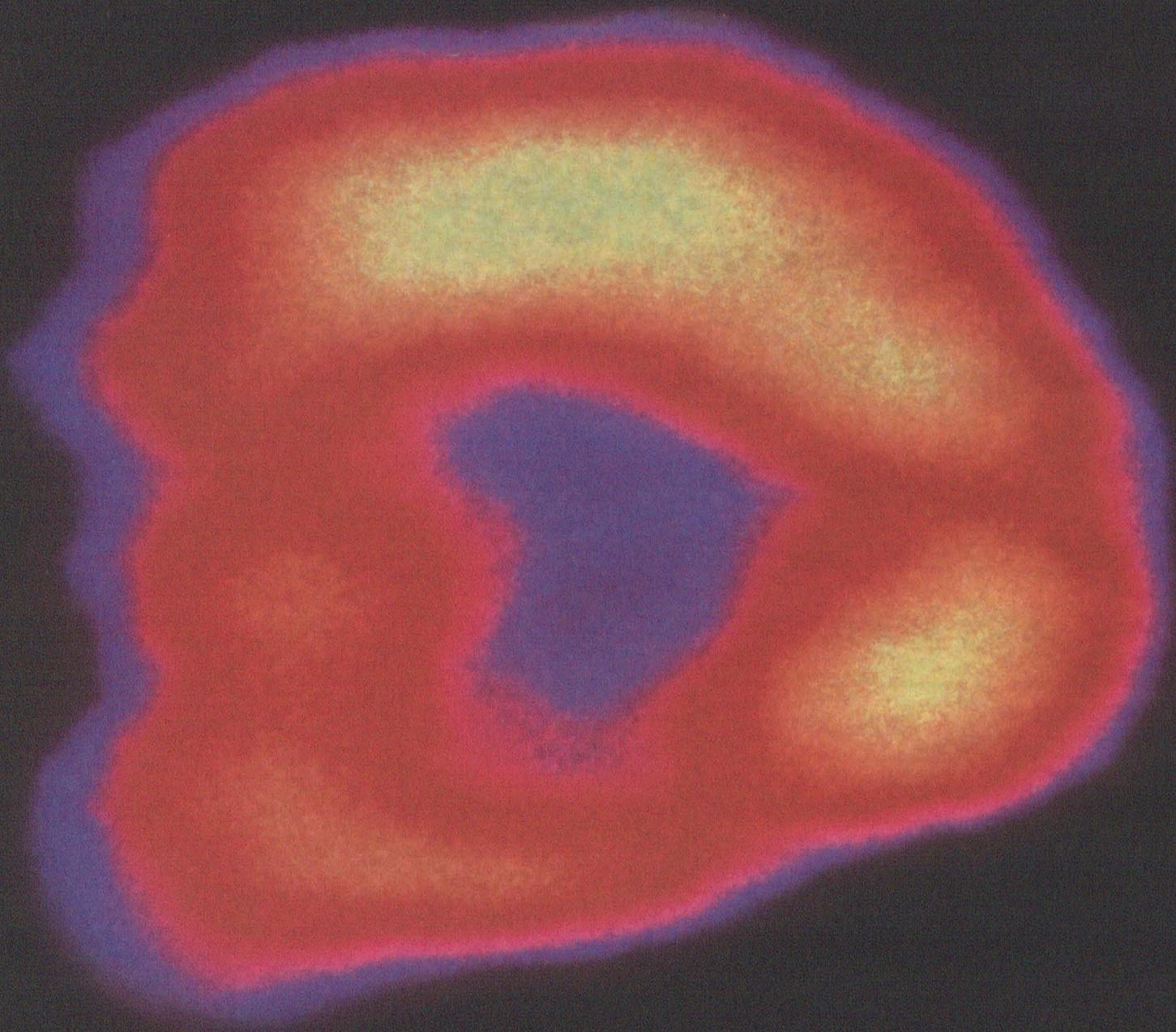


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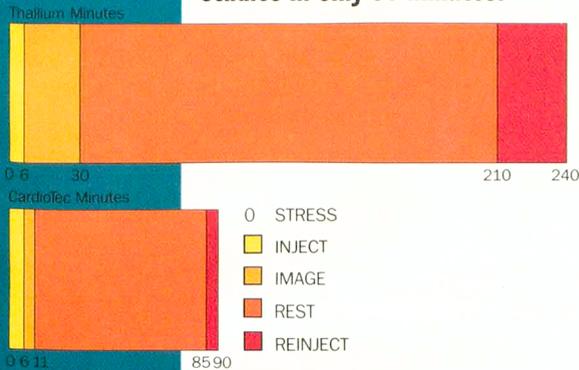
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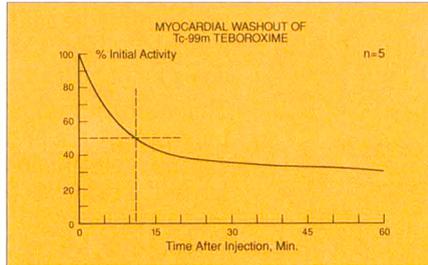


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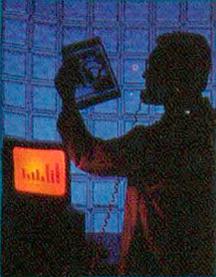
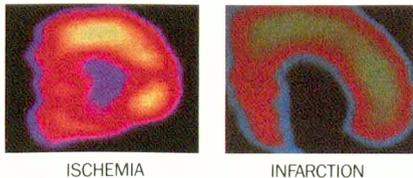
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### CONTRAINDICATIONS

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### WARNINGS

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### PRECAUTIONS

#### General

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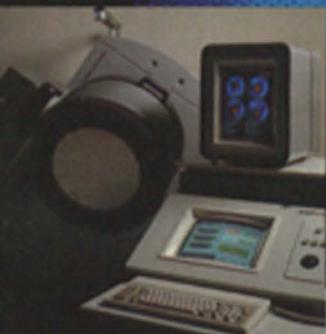
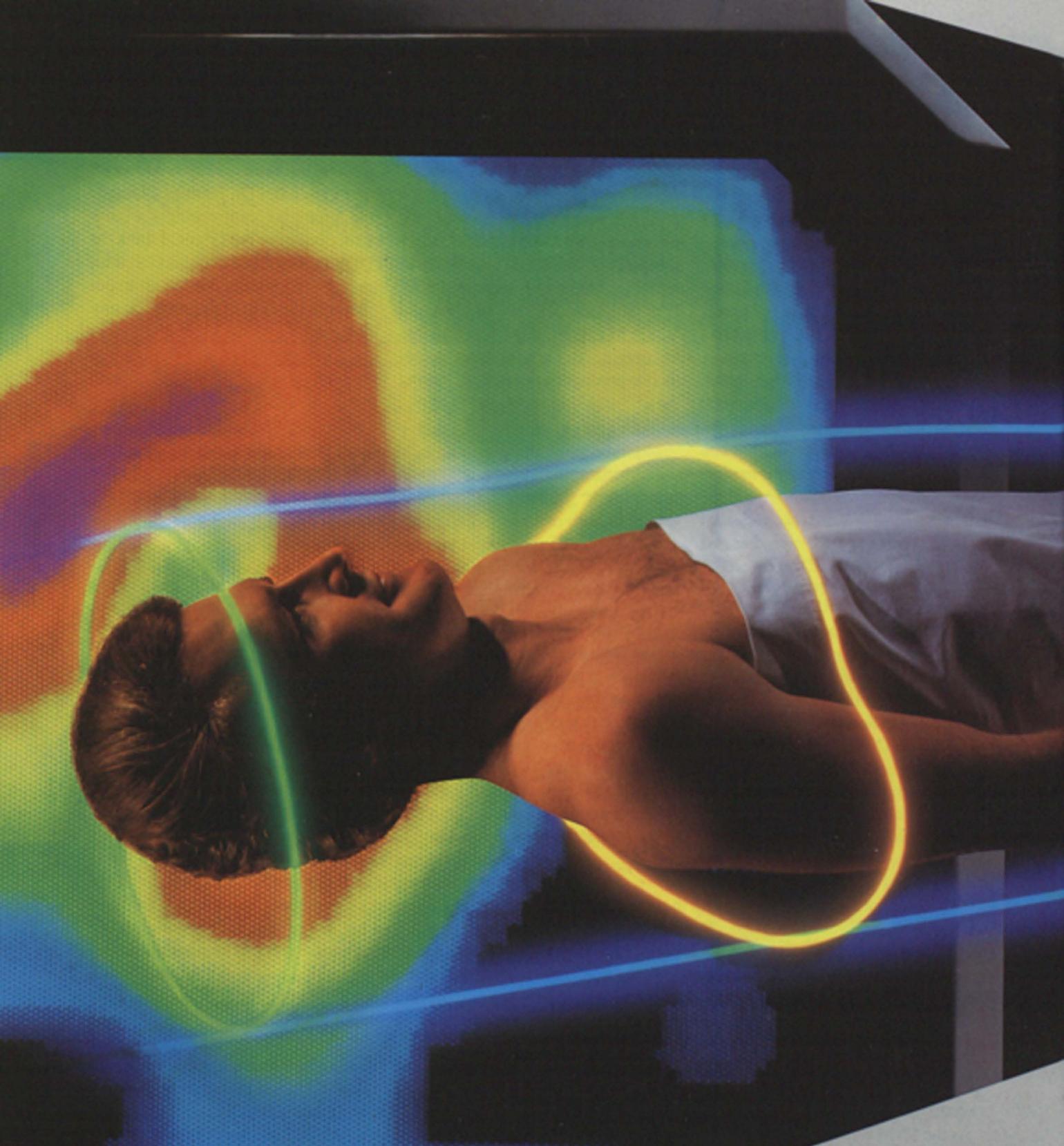
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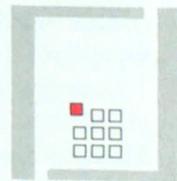
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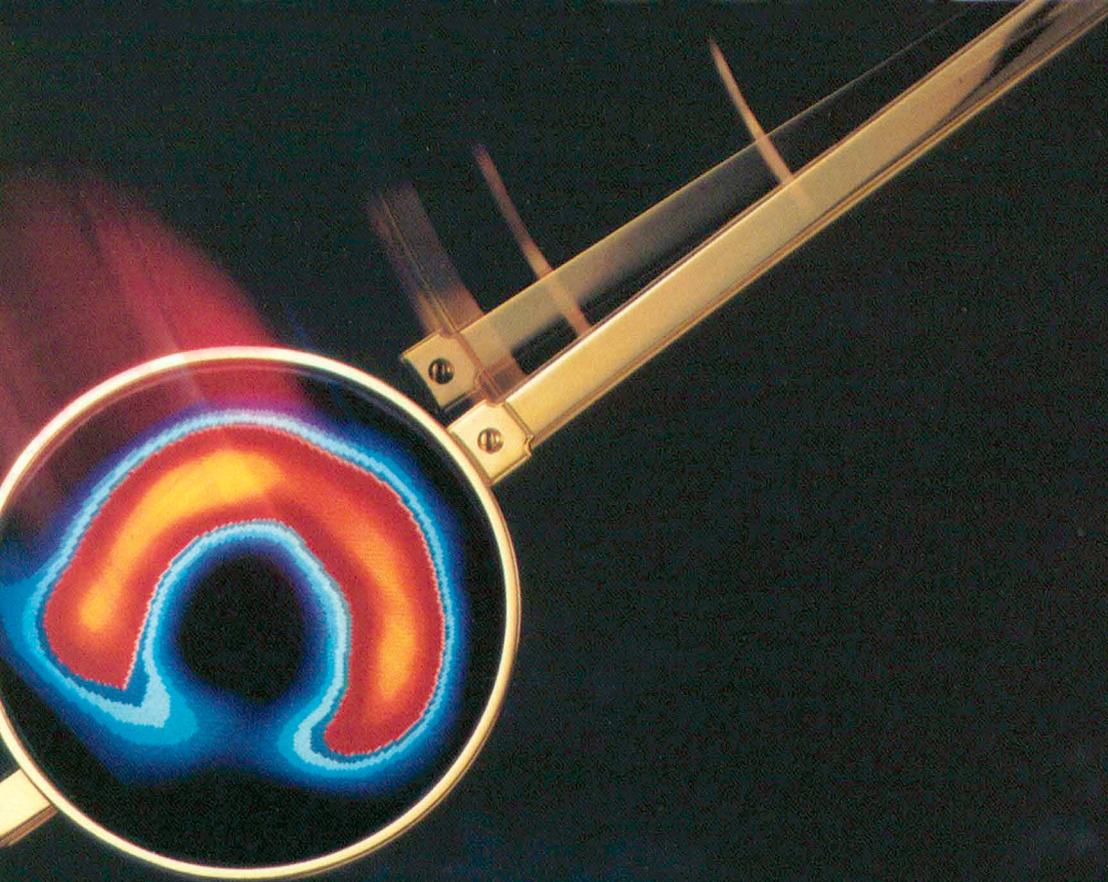
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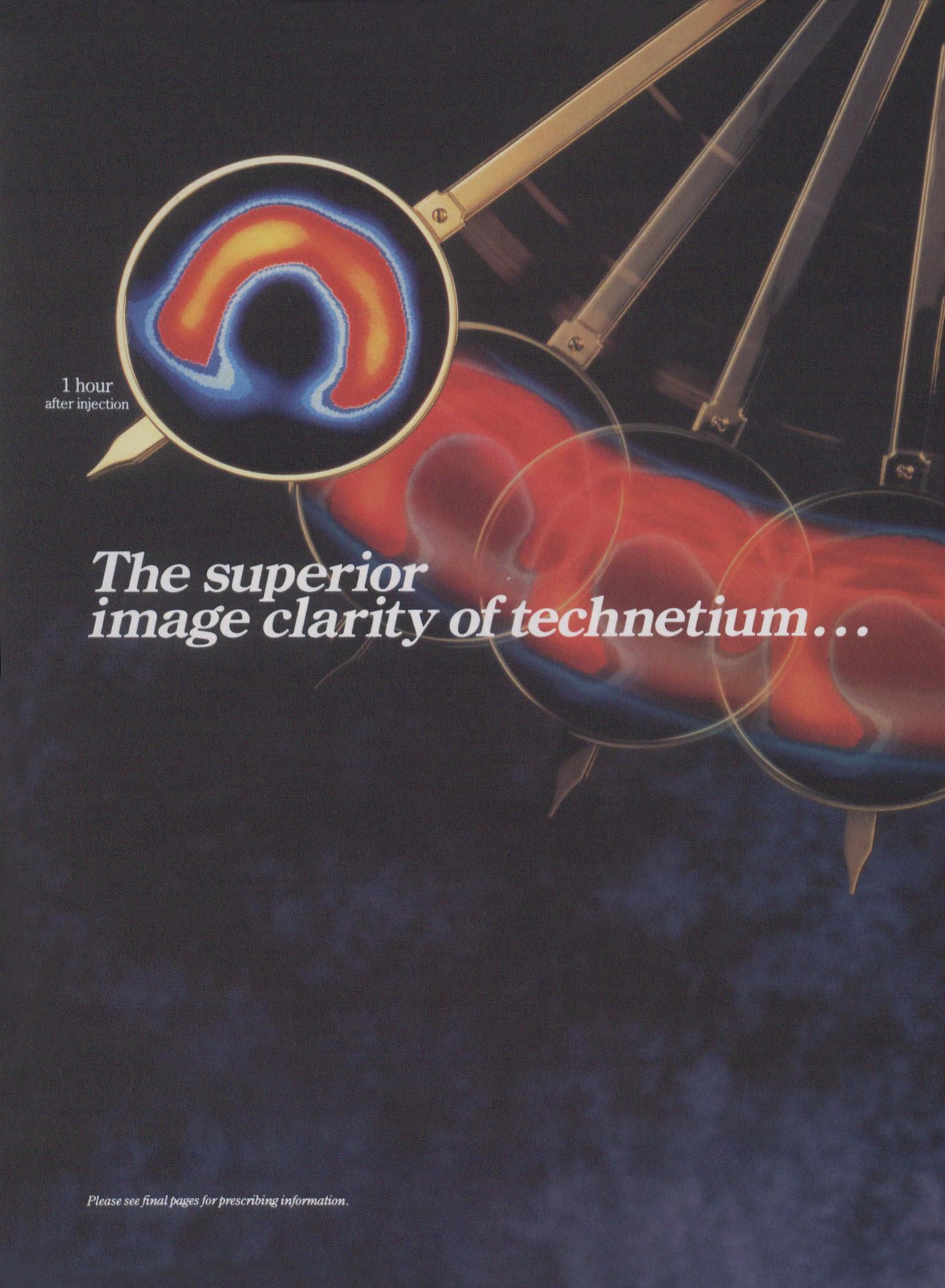
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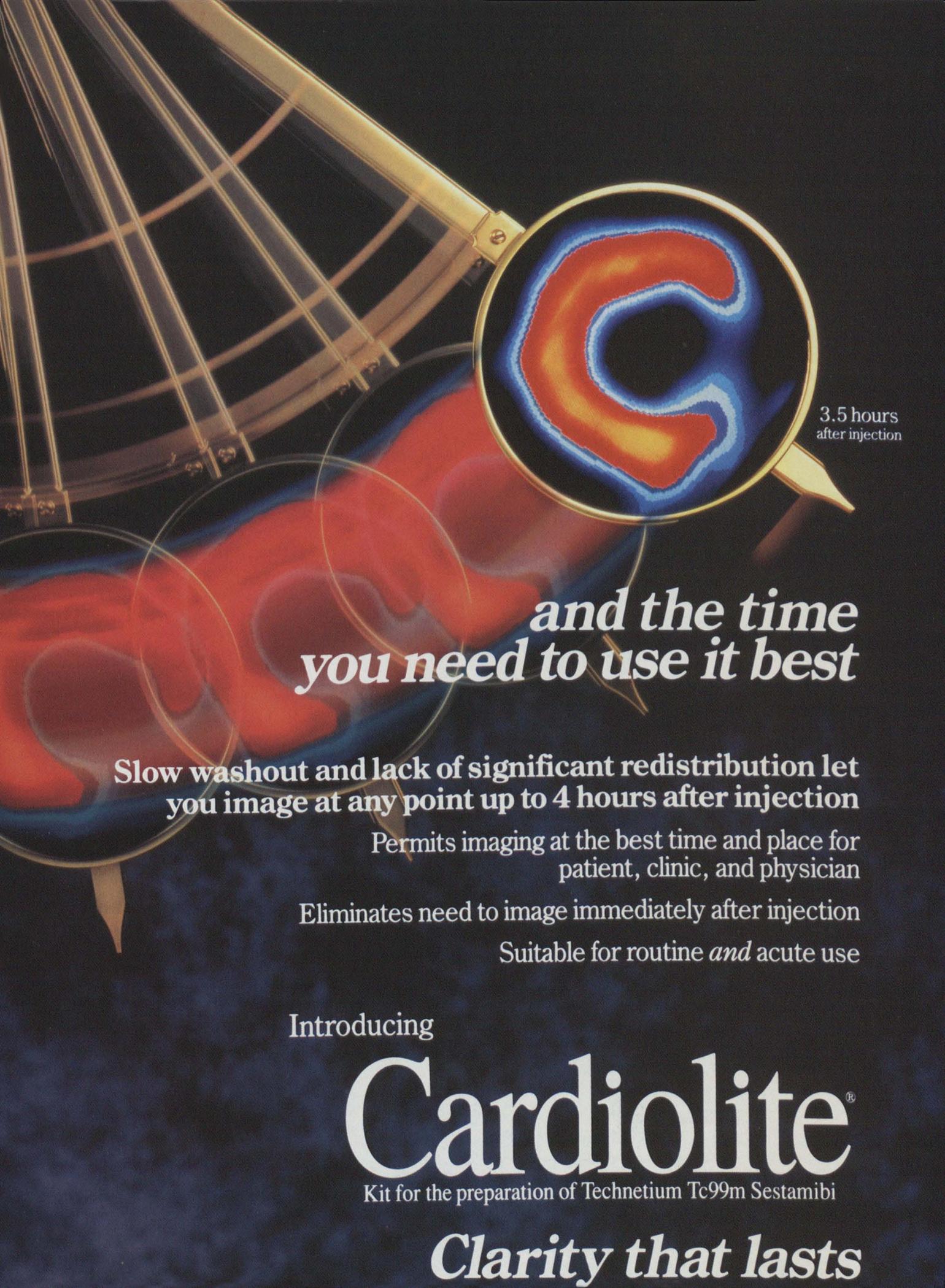
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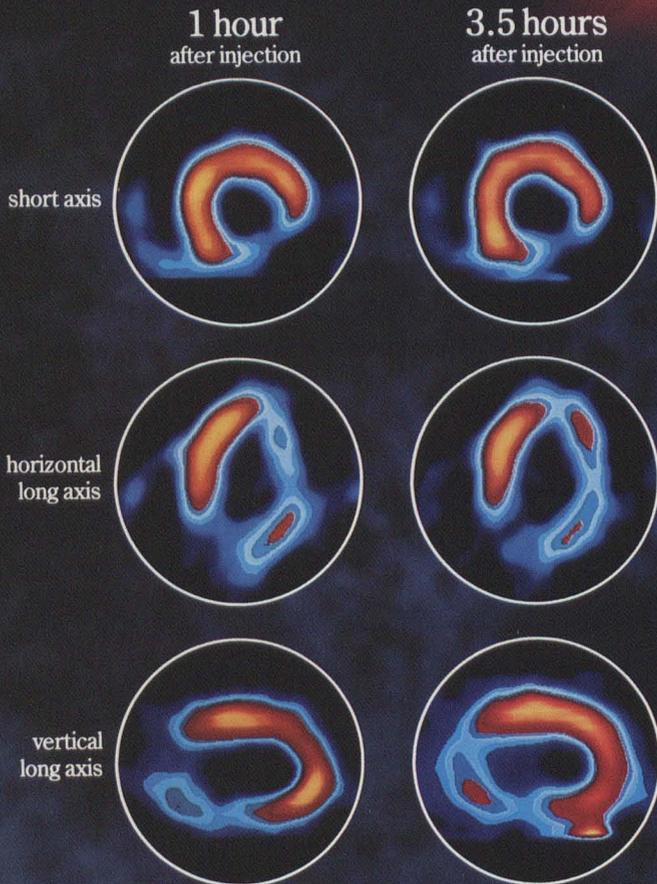
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1. Data on file, Du Pont File H-23531.

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**DESCRIPTION:** Each 5ml vial contains a sterile, non-pyrogenic, lyophilized mixture of:

- Tetrakis (2-methoxy isobutyl isonitrile) Copper (I) tetrafluoroborate - 1.0mg
- Sodium Citrate Dihydrate - 2.6mg
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- Mannitol - 20mg
- Stannous Chloride, Dihydrate, minimum (SnCl<sub>2</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O) - 0.025mg
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This drug is administered by intravenous injection for diagnostic use after reconstitution with sterile, non-pyrogenic, oxidant-free Sodium Pertechnetate Tc99m Injection. The pH of the reconstituted product is 5.5 (5.0-6.0). No bacteriostatic preservative is present.

The precise structure of the technetium complex is Tc99m[MIBI]<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> where MIBI is 2-methoxy isobutyl isonitrile.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Technetium Tc99m decays by isomeric transition with a physical half-life of 6.02 hours.<sup>1</sup> Photons that are useful for detection and imaging studies are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Principle Radiation Emission Data**

Radiation	Mean %/ Disintegration	Mean Energy (keV)
Gamma-2	89.07	140.5

<sup>1</sup>Kocher, David C., Radioactive Decay Data Tables, DOE/TIC-11026, 108 (1981).

### EXTERNAL RADIATION

The specific gamma ray constant for Tc99m is 5.4 microcoulombs/kg-MBq-hr (0.78R/mCi-hr) at 1cm. The first half value layer is 0.017cm of Pb. A range of values for the relative attenuation of the radiation emitted by this radionuclide that results from interposition of various thicknesses of Pb is shown in Table 2. To facilitate control of the radiation exposure from Megabecquerel (millicurie) amounts of this radionuclide, the use of a 0.25cm thickness of Pb will attenuate the radiation emitted by a factor of 1,000.

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

Shield Thickness (Pb) cm	Coefficient of Attenuation
0.017	0.5
0.08	10 <sup>-1</sup>
0.16	10 <sup>-2</sup>
0.25	10 <sup>-3</sup>
0.33	10 <sup>-4</sup>

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

**Table 3. Physical Decay Chart; Tc99m Half-Life 6.02 Hours**

Hours	Fraction Remaining	Hours	Fraction Remaining
0*	1.000	8	.398
1	.891	9	.355
2	.794	10	.316
3	.708	11	.282
4	.631	12	.251
5	.562		
6	.501		
7	.447		

\*Calibration Time

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:** Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi is a cationic Tc99m complex which has been found to accumulate in viable myocardial tissue in a manner analogous to that of Thallous Chloride Tl-201. Scintigraphic images obtained in animals and man after the intravenous administration of the drug have been comparable to those obtained with Thallous Chloride Tl-201 in normal and abnormal myocardial tissue.

The major pathway for clearance of Tc99m Sestamibi is the hepatobiliary system. Activity from the gall bladder appears in the intestines within one hour of injection. Twenty-seven percent of the injected dose is excreted in the urine, and approximately thirty-three percent of the injected dose is cleared through the feces in 48 hours. The agent is excreted without any evidence of metabolism.

Pulmonary activity is negligible even immediately after injection. Blood clearance studies indicate that the fast clearing component clears with a t<sub>1/2</sub> of 4.3 minutes at rest. At five minutes postinjection about 8% of the injected dose remains in circulation. There is less than 1% protein binding of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi in plasma. The myocardial biological half-life is approximately six hours after a rest injection. The biological half-life for the liver is approximately 30 minutes after a rest injection. The effective half-life of clearance (which includes both the biological half-life and radionuclide decay) for the heart is approximately 3 hours, and for the liver is approximately 28 minutes, after a rest injection. The ideal imaging time reflects the best compromise between heart count rate and surrounding organ uptake.

A study in a dog myocardial ischemia model reported that Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi undergoes myocardial distribution (redistribution), although more slowly and less completely than Thallous Chloride Tl-201. A study in a dog myocardial infarction model reported that the drug showed no redistribution of any consequence. Definitive human studies to demonstrate possible redistribution have not been reported. In patients with documented myocardial infarction, imaging revealed the infarct up to four hours post dose.

Animal studies have shown that myocardial uptake is not blocked when the sodium pump mechanism is inhibited. Myocardial uptake which is coronary flow dependent is 1.2% of the injected dose. The following table illustrates the biological clearance as well as effective clearance (which includes biological clearance and radionuclide decay) of Tc99m Sestamibi from the heart and liver.

[Organ concentrations expressed as percentage of injected dose; data based on an average of 5 subjects.]

Time	Heart		Liver	
	Biological	Effective	Biological	Effective
5 mins.	1.2	1.2	20	20
30 mins.	1.1	1.0	12	11.3
1 hour	1.0	0.9	5.6	5.0
2 hours	1.0	0.8	2.2	1.7
4 hours	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE:** CARDIOLITE<sup>®</sup>, Kit for the preparation of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi is a myocardial perfusion agent that is useful in distinguishing normal from abnormal myocardium, and in the localization of the abnormality, in patients with suspected myocardial infarction.

CARDIOLITE<sup>®</sup>, Kit for the preparation of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi is also useful in the evaluation of myocardial function using the first pass technique.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** None known.

**WARNINGS:** In studying patients in whom cardiac disease is known or suspected, care should be taken to assure continuous monitoring and treatment in accordance with safe, accepted clinical procedure.

**PRECAUTIONS:**

#### GENERAL

The contents of the vial are intended only for use in the preparation of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi and are not to be administered directly to the patient without first undergoing the preparative procedure.

Radioactive drugs must be handled with care and appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize radiation exposure to clinical personnel. Also, care should be taken to minimize radiation exposure to the patients consistent with proper patient management.

Contents of the kit before preparation are not radioactive. However, after the Sodium Pertechnetate Tc99m Injection is added, adequate shielding of the final preparation must be maintained.

The components of the kit are sterile and non-pyrogenic. It is essential to follow directions carefully and to adhere to strict aseptic procedures during preparation.

Technetium Tc99m labeling reactions involved depend on maintaining the stannous ion in the reduced state. Hence, Sodium Pertechnetate Tc99m Injection containing oxidants should not be used.

Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi should not be used more than six hours after preparation.

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

In comparison with most other diagnostic technetium labeled radiopharmaceuticals, the radiation dose to the ovaries (1.5 rads/30mCi) is high. Minimal exposure (ALARA) is necessary in women of childbearing capability. (See Dosimetry subsection in DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section.)

The active intermediate, Cu(MIBI)<sub>3</sub>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, was evaluated for genotoxic potential in a battery of five tests. No genotoxic activity was observed in the Ames, CHO/HPRT and sister chromatid exchange tests (all *in vitro*). At cytotoxic concentrations (≥20μg/ml), an increase in cells with chromosome aberrations was observed in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte assay. Cu(MIBI)<sub>3</sub>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> did not show genotoxic effects in the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test at a dose which caused systemic and bone marrow toxicity (9mg/kg, >600 × maximal human dose).

#### Pregnancy Category C

Animal reproduction and teratogenicity studies have not been conducted with Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi. It is also not known whether Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproductive capacity. There have been no studies in pregnant women. Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

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

### Nursing Mothers

Technetium Tc99m Perchnetate is excreted in human milk during lactation. It is not known whether Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi is excreted in human milk. Therefore, formula feedings should be substituted for breast feedings.

### Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in children below the age of 18 have not been established.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:** During clinical trials, approximately 8% of patients experienced a transient metallic or bitter taste immediately after the injection of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi. A few cases of transient headache, flushing and non-itching rash have also been attributed to administration of the agent. One patient demonstrated signs and symptoms consistent with seizure, eight to ten minutes after administration of the drug. No other adverse reactions specifically attributable to the use of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi have been reported.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** The suggested dose range for I.V. administration to be employed in the average patient (70kg) is:

$$370-1110\text{MBq (10-30mCi)}$$

The dose administered should be the lowest required to provide an adequate study consistent with ALARA principles (See also PRECAUTIONS).

When used in the diagnosis of myocardial infarction, imaging should be completed within four hours after administration (see also CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

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

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit.

Store at room temperature (15-30°C) before and after reconstitution.

**RADIATION DOSIMETRY:** The radiation doses to organs and tissues of an average patient (70 kg) per 1110MBq (30mCi) of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi injected intravenously are shown in Table 4.

**Table 4. Radiation Absorbed Doses from Tc99m Sestamibi**

Organ	Estimated Radiation Absorbed Dose			
	REST			
	2.0 hour void		4.8 hour void	
	rads/ 30 mCi	mGy/ 1110 MBq	rads/ 30 mCi	mGy/ 1110 MBq
Breasts	0.2	2.0	0.2	1.9
Gallbladder Wall	2.0	20.0	2.0	20.0
Small Intestine	3.0	30.0	3.0	30.0
Upper Large Intestine Wall	5.4	55.5	5.4	55.5
Lower Large Intestine Wall	3.9	40.0	4.2	41.1
Stomach Wall	0.6	6.1	0.6	5.8
Heart Wall	0.5	5.1	0.5	4.9
Kidneys	2.0	20.0	2.0	20.0
Liver	0.6	5.8	0.6	5.7
Lungs	0.3	2.8	0.3	2.7
Bone Surfaces	0.7	6.8	0.7	6.4
Thyroid	0.7	7.0	0.7	6.8
Ovaries	1.5	15.5	1.6	15.5
Testes	0.3	3.4	0.4	3.9
Red Marrow	0.5	5.1	0.5	5.0
Urinary Bladder Wall	2.0	20.0	4.2	41.1
Total Body	0.5	4.8	0.5	4.8

Stabin, M., July, 1990, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. (615) 576-3449.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi

Preparation of the Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi from the Kit for the preparation of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi is done by the following aseptic procedure:

- Prior to adding the Sodium Perchnetate Tc99m Injection to the vial, tear off a radiation symbol and attach it to the neck of the vial.
- Waterproof gloves should be worn during the preparation procedure. Remove the plastic disc from the vial and swab the top of the vial closure with alcohol to sanitize the surface.
- Place the vial in a suitable radiation shield with a fitted radiation cap.
- With a sterile shielded syringe, aseptically obtain additive-free, sterile, non-pyrogenic Sodium Perchnetate Tc99m Injection [925-5550MBq, (25-150mCi)] in approximately 1 to 3ml.
- Aseptically add the Sodium Perchnetate Tc99m Injection to the vial in the lead shield. Without withdrawing the needle, remove an equal volume of headspace to maintain atmospheric pressure within the vial.
- Swirl the contents of the vial for a few seconds.
- Remove the vial from the lead shield and place upright in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes. Timing for 10 minutes is begun as soon as the water begins to boil again.
- Remove the vial from the water bath, place in the lead shield and allow to cool for fifteen minutes.
- Using proper shielding, the vial contents should be visually inspected. Use only if the solution is clear and free of particulate matter and discoloration.

- Assay the reaction vial using a suitable radioactivity calibration system. Record the Technetium Tc99m concentration, total volume, assay time and date, expiration time and lot number on the vial shield label and affix the label to the shield.
- Store the reaction vial containing the Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi at room temperature (15-30°C) until use; at such time the product should be aseptically withdrawn. Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi should be used within six hours of preparation. The vial contains no preservative.

Note: Adherence to the above product reconstitution instructions is recommended.

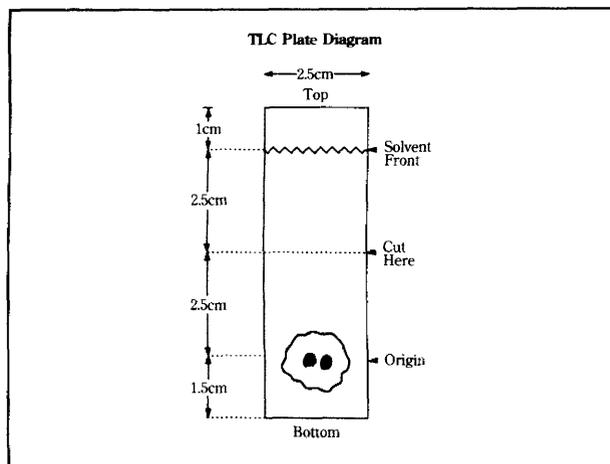
Product should be used within 6 hours after preparation.

Final product with radiochemical purity of at least 90% was used in the clinical trials that established safety and effectiveness. The radiochemical purity was determined by the following method.

### DETERMINATION OF RADIOCHEMICAL PURITY IN Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi

- Obtain a Baker-Flex Aluminum Oxide coated, plastic TLC plate, #1 B-F, pre-cut to 2.5cm x 7.5cm.
- Dry the plate or plates at 100°C for 1 hour and store in a desiccator. Remove pre-dried plate from the desiccator just prior to use.
- Apply 1 drop of ethanol\* using a 1ml syringe with a 22-26 gauge needle, 1.5cm from the bottom of the plate. THE SPOT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRY.
- Add 2 drops of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi solution, side by side on top of the ethanol\* spot. Return the plate to a desiccator and allow the sample spot to dry (typically 15 minutes).
- The TLC tank is prepared by pouring ethanol\* to a depth of 3-4mm. Cover the tank and let it equilibrate for ~10 minutes.
- Develop the plate in the covered TLC Tank in ethanol\* for a distance of 5cm from the point of application.
- Cut the TLC plate 4cm from the bottom and measure the Tc99m activity in each piece by appropriate radiation detector.
- Calculate the % Tc99m Sestamibi as:

$$\% \text{ Tc99m Sestamibi} = \frac{\mu\text{Ci Top Piece}}{\mu\text{Ci Both Pieces}} \times 100$$



\*The ethanol used in this procedure should be 95% or greater. Absolute ethanol (99%) should remain at ≥95% ethanol content for one week after opening if stored tightly capped, in a cool dry place.

**HOW SUPPLIED:** Du Pont's CARDIOLITE® Kit for the preparation of Technetium Tc99m Sestamibi is supplied as a 5ml vial in kits of two (2), five (5) and thirty (30) vials, sterile and non-pyrogenic.

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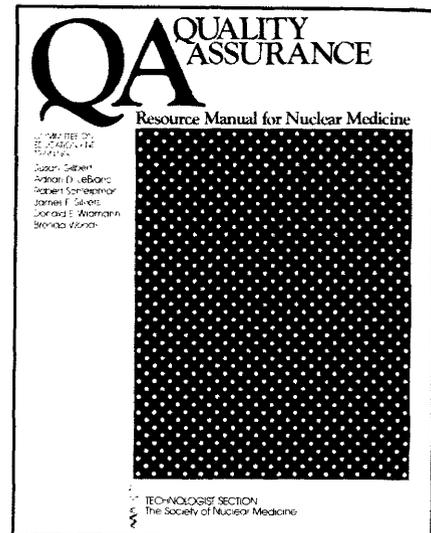
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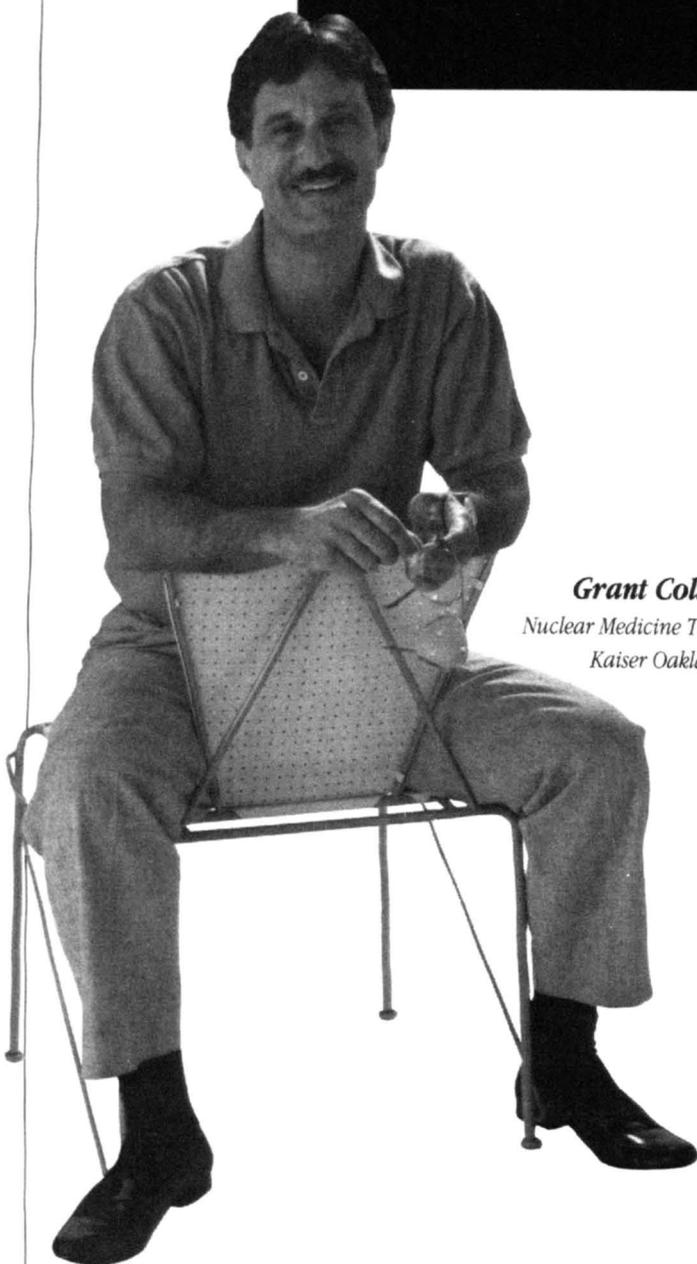
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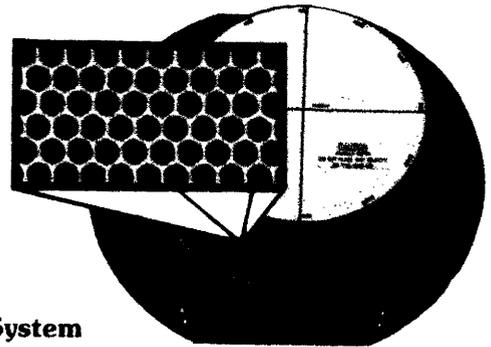
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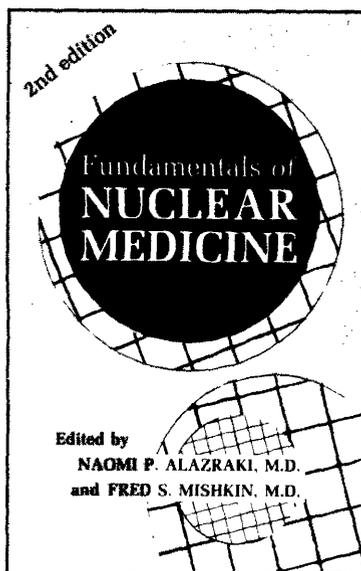
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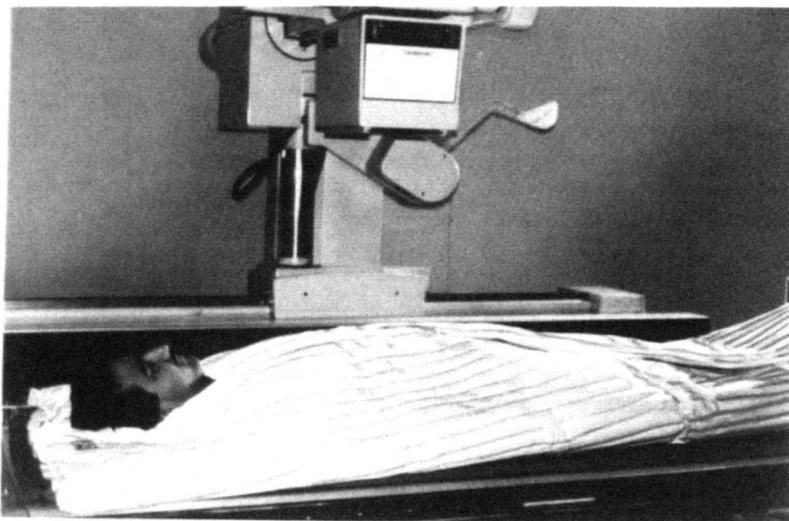
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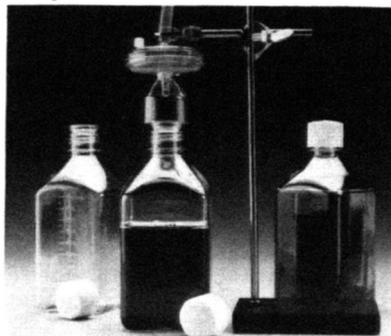
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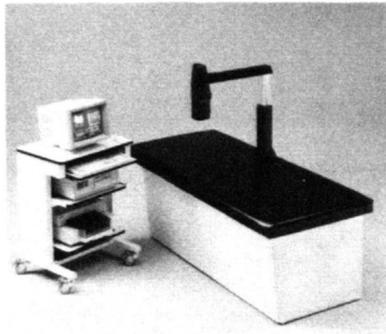
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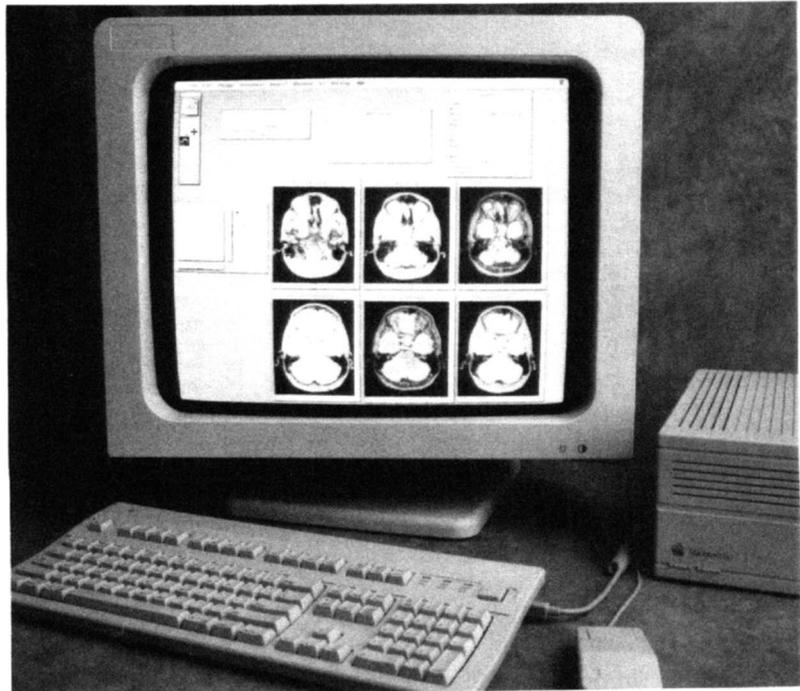
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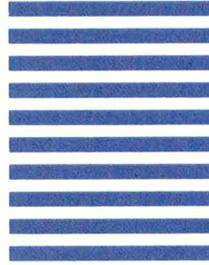
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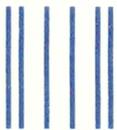
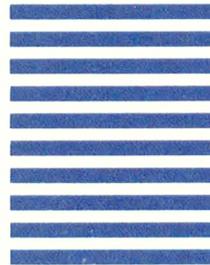
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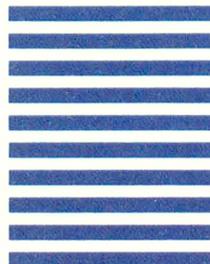
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# Cardiotec®

Kit for the Preparation of Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime

## FOR DIAGNOSTIC USE

### DESCRIPTION

Each 5 mL reaction vial contains a sterile, nonpyrogenic, lyophilized formulation of 2.0 mg cyclohexanedione dioxime, 2.0 mg methyl boronic acid, 2.0 mg pentetic acid, 9.0 mg citric acid, anhydrous; 100 mg sodium chloride, 50 mg gamma cyclodextrin and 0.058 mg (maximum) total tin expressed as stannous chloride (SnCl<sub>2</sub>), 0.020 mg (minimum) stannous chloride (SnCl<sub>2</sub>). The pH is adjusted with sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid prior to lyophilization. The contents of the vial are lyophilized and sealed under nitrogen at the time of manufacture. No bacteriostatic preservative is present.

When sterile, pyrogen-free sodium pertechnetate Tc 99m injection is added to the vial, and the solution is heated at 100°C for 15 minutes, the diagnostic agent Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime is formed for administration by intravenous injection. The pH of the reconstituted product is 3.7 (range 3.3 to 4.1).

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime is a myocardial perfusion agent that is useful in distinguishing normal from abnormal myocardium in patients with suspected coronary artery disease using rest and stress techniques.

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

None known.

### WARNINGS

Stress testing should be performed only under the supervision of a qualified physician and in a laboratory equipped with appropriate monitoring, resuscitation and support apparatus.

### PRECAUTIONS

#### General

Contents of the reaction vial are intended only for use in the preparation of Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime and are not to be administered directly to the patient.

Contents of the kit before preparation are not radioactive. However, after the addition of sodium pertechnetate Tc

99m injection, adequate shielding of the final preparation must be maintained.

The components of the kit are supplied sterile and non-pyrogenic. Aseptic procedures normally employed in making additions and withdrawals from sterile, non-pyrogenic containers should be used during the addition of the pertechnetate solution and the withdrawal of doses for patient administration.

The technetium Tc 99m labeling reactions involved in preparing the agent depend on maintaining the stannous ion in the reduced state. Any oxidant present in the sodium pertechnetate Tc-99m supply may thus adversely affect the quality of the radiopharmaceutical. Hence, sodium pertechnetate Tc-99m containing oxidants should not be employed.

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.

As in the use of any radioactive material, care should be taken to minimize radiation exposure to the patient consistent with proper patient management and to ensure minimum radiation exposure to occupational workers.

Tc-99m Teboroxime should be formulated no more than 6 hours prior to clinical use.

#### Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

In comparison with most other diagnostic technetium labeled radiopharmaceuticals, the radiation dose to the ovaries (1.8 rads/50 mCi) is high. Minimal exposure (ALARA) is necessary in women of childbearing capability. (See Dosimetry subsection in DOSAGE and ADMINISTRATION section.)

No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic potential or to determine the effects of Cardiotec on fertility in males or females.

Three different mutagenicity assays (a reversion test with bacteria, a chromosomal aberration assay and an *in vivo* mouse micronucleus assay) conducted with cold (decayed) technetium la-

beled Cardiotec gave negative results. Cardiotec was weakly positive for inducing forward mutations at the TK locus in L5178Y mouse lymphoma cells in the absence of metabolic activation (but only at high concentrations that were toxic to the cells and reduced growth to 33% or less relative to vehicle controls). Cardiotec was negative in this assay in the presence of metabolic activation.

#### Pregnancy Category C

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime. It is also not known whether Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproductive capacity. Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime should be given to a pregnant woman only if the expected benefits to be gained clearly outweigh the potential hazards.

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

Technetium Tc 99m is excreted in human milk during lactation. Therefore, formula feedings should be substituted for breast feedings.

#### Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in children below the age of 18 have not been established.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Uncommon adverse reactions reported in clinical trials include metallic taste in mouth, burning at injection site, facial swelling, numbness of hand and arm, hypotension and nausea after administration of Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime.

### HOW SUPPLIED

Cardiotec® (Kit for the Preparation of Technetium Tc 99m Teboroxime) is supplied in kits of 5, 10, and 25 reaction vials. (J4-282A)



Reference  
1. Data on file, Squibb Diagnostics.

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