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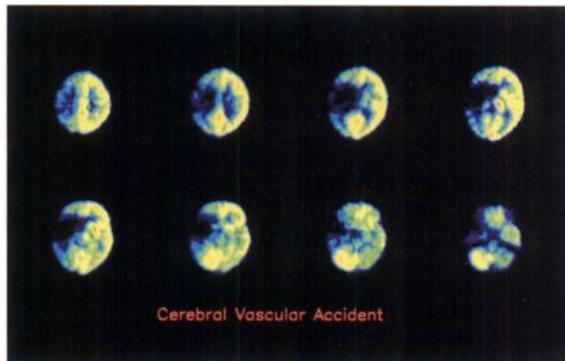


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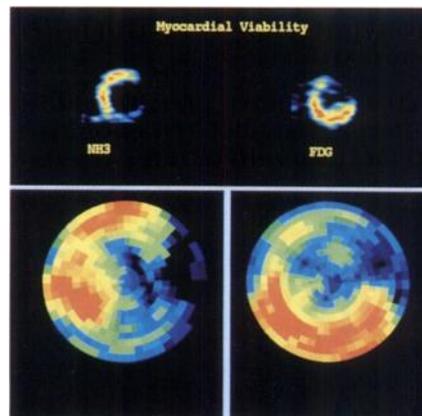


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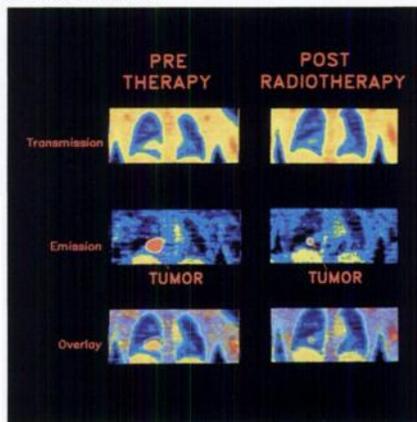
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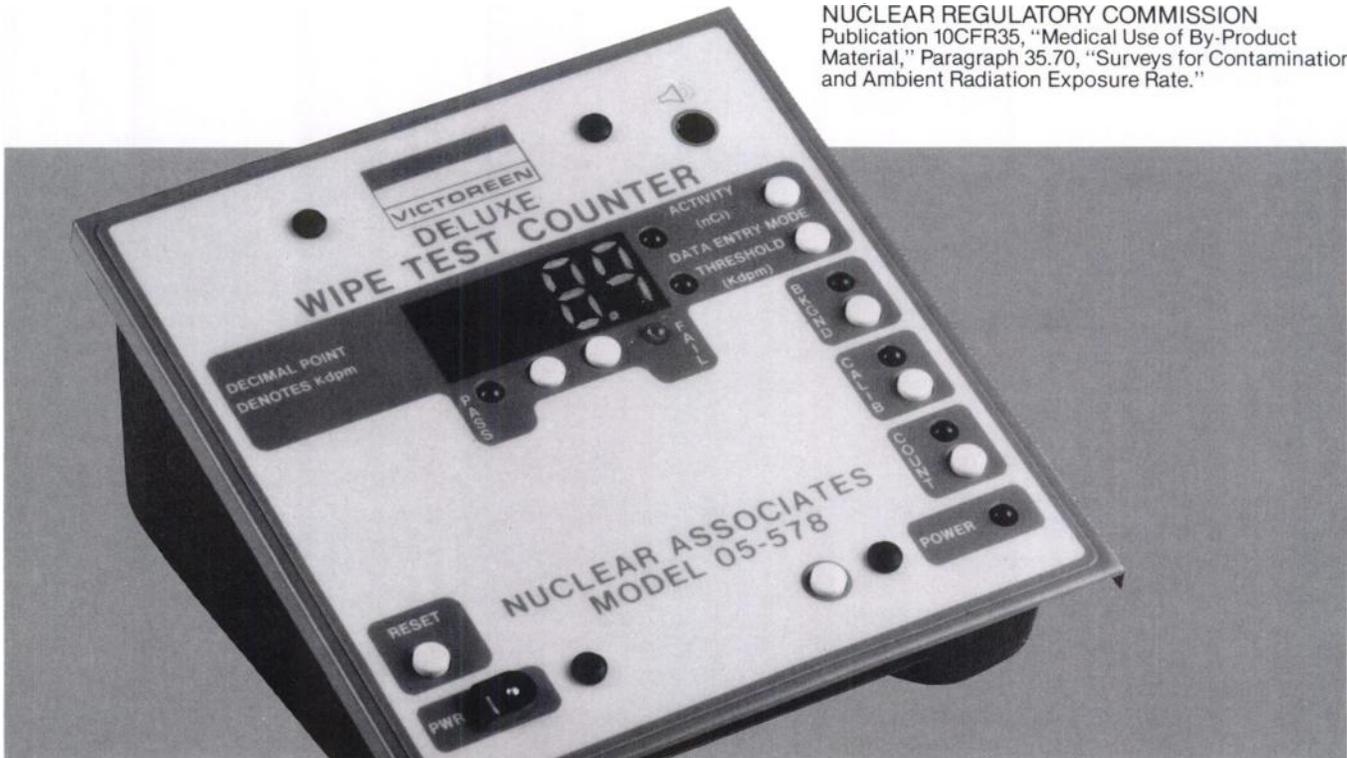
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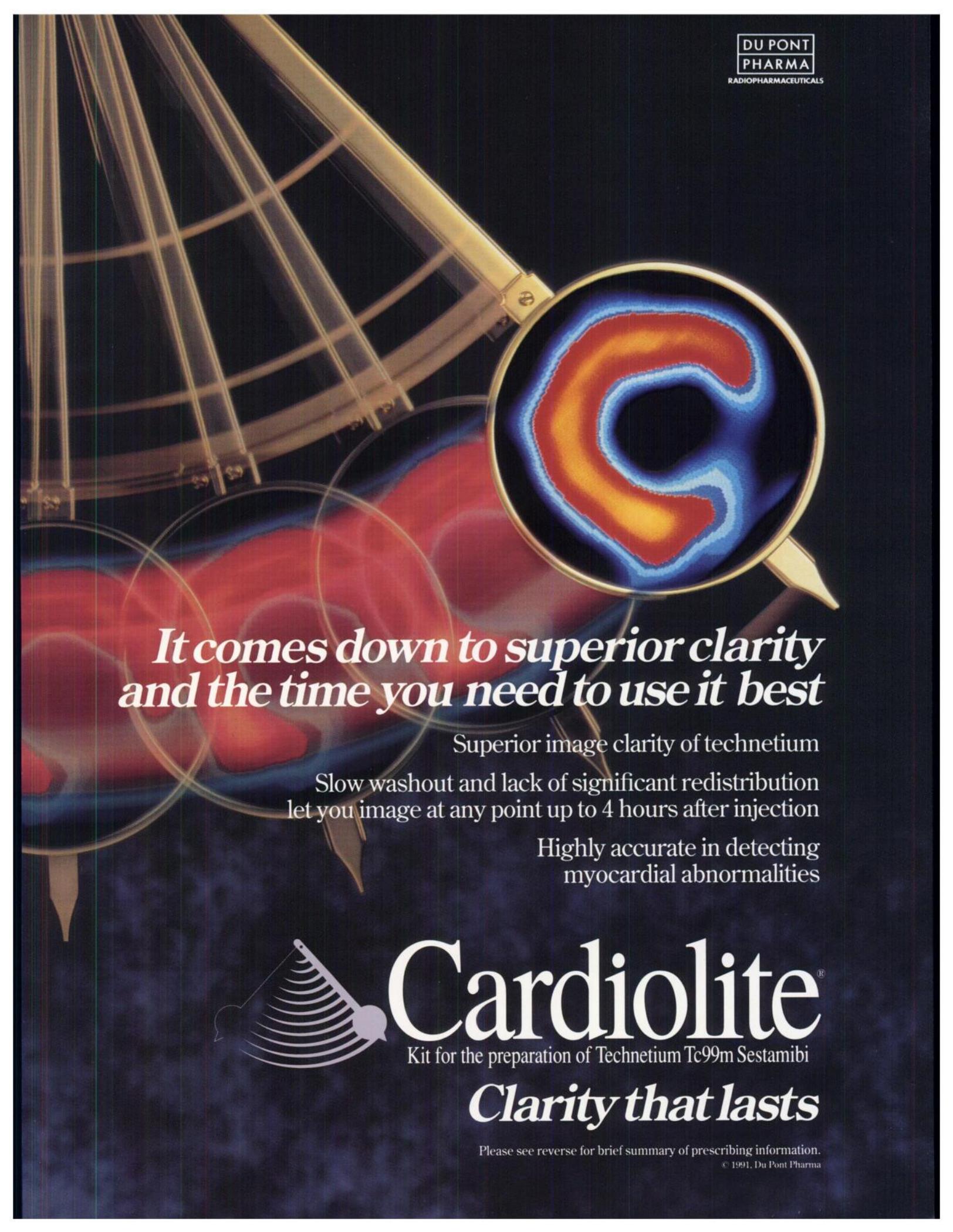
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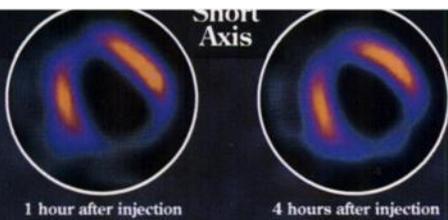
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DESCRIPTION: Each 5 mL vial contains a sterile, non-pyrogenic, lyophilized mixture of:

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Prior to lyophilization the pH is 5.3 to 5.9. The contents of the vial are lyophilized and stored under nitrogen.

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]₆ where MIBI is 2-methoxy isobutyl isonitrile.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE: CARDIOLITE®, 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. It 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, take care 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 (as outlined in the full prescribing information).

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/30 mCi) 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)₆BF₄, 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 (≥ 20 µg/mL), an increase in cells with chromosome aberrations was observed in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte assay. Cu(MIBI)₆BF₄ did not show genotoxic effects in the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test at a dose which caused systemic and bone marrow toxicity (9 mg/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 Pertechnetate 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, 8 to 10 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 (70 kg) is:

370 to 1110 MBq (10 to 30 mCi)

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 section in full prescribing information).

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 to 30°) before and after reconstitution.

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

Table 4. Radiation Absorbed Doses from Tc99m Sestamibi

Organ	Estimated Radiation Absorbed Dose			
	REST		REST	
	2.0 hour void	4.8 hour void	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.

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

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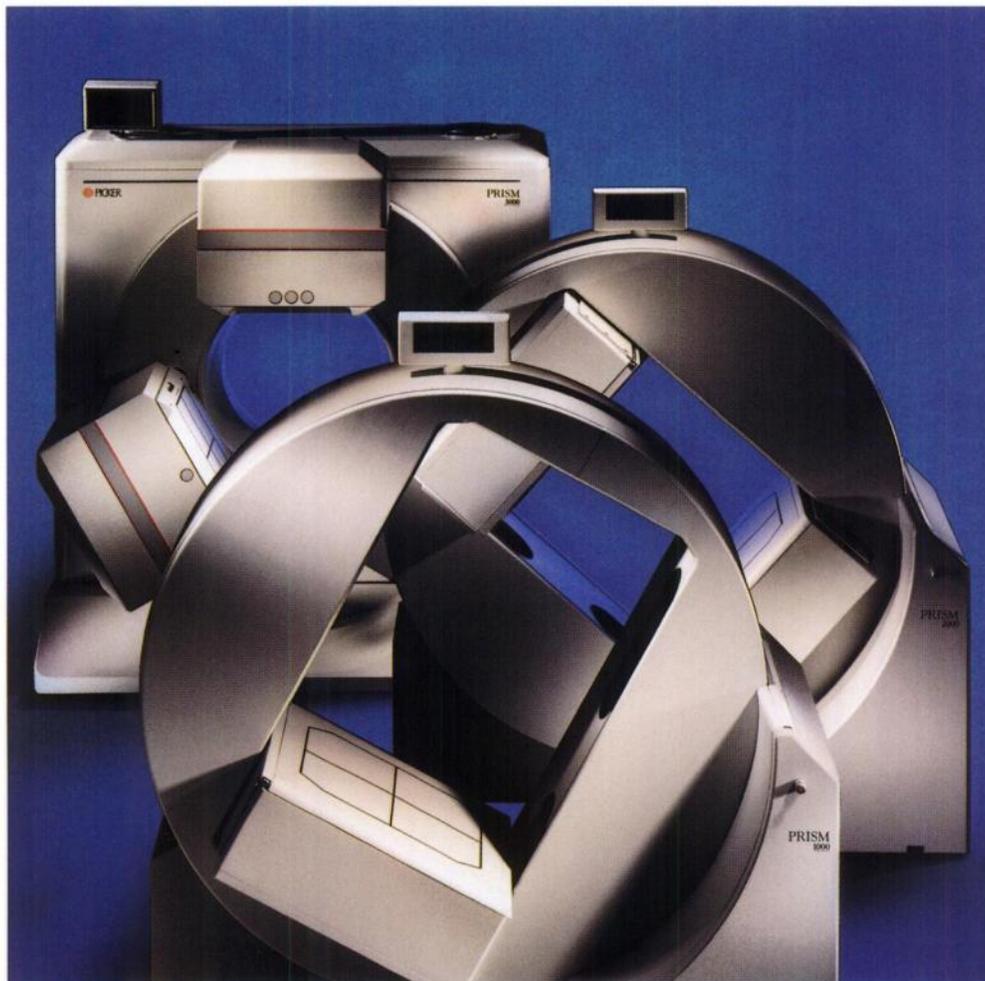
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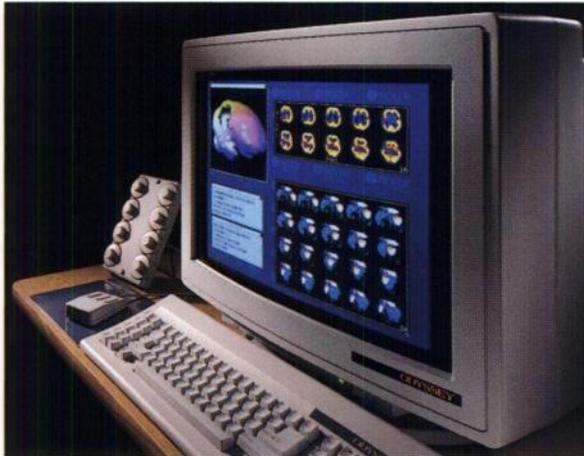
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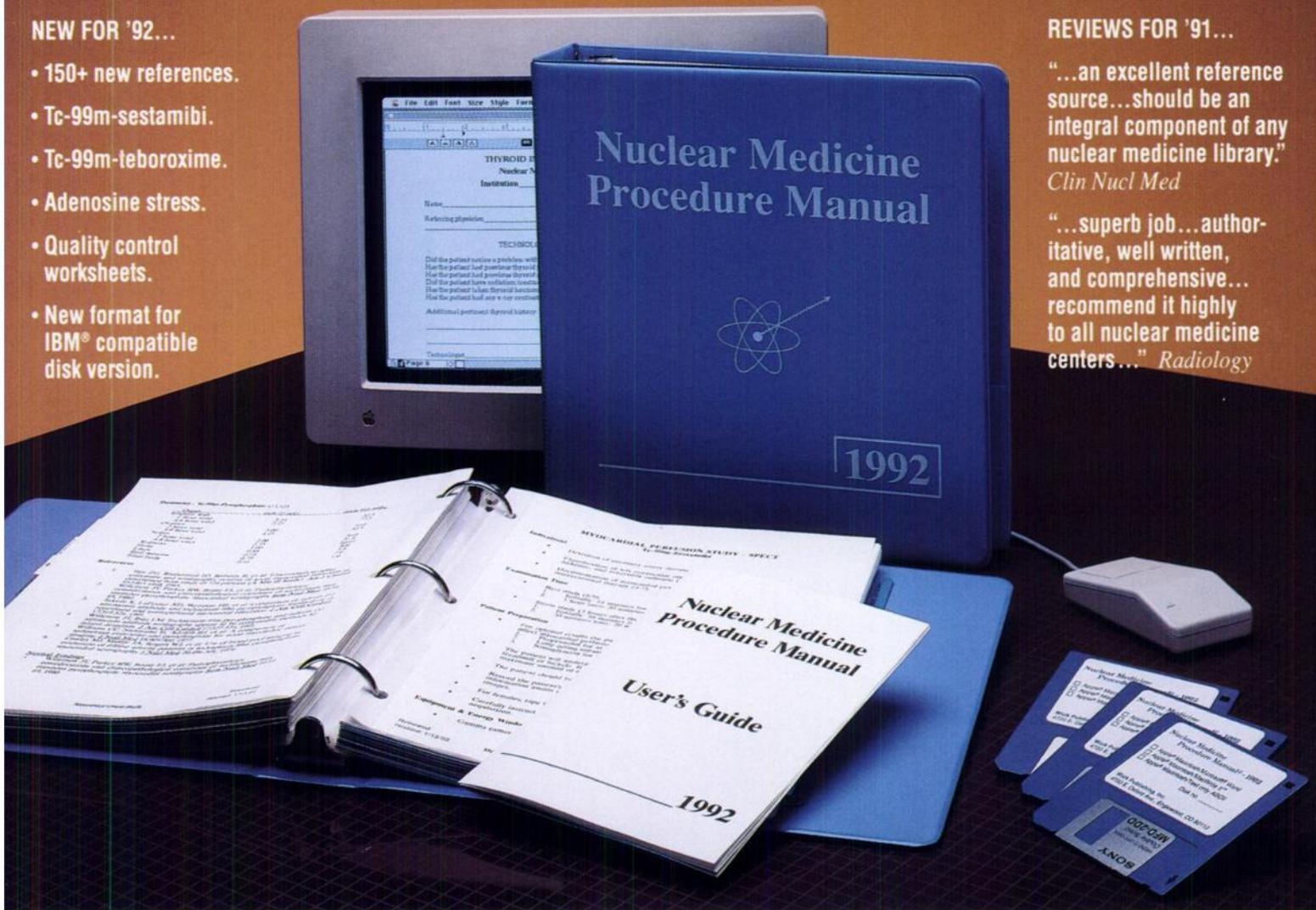
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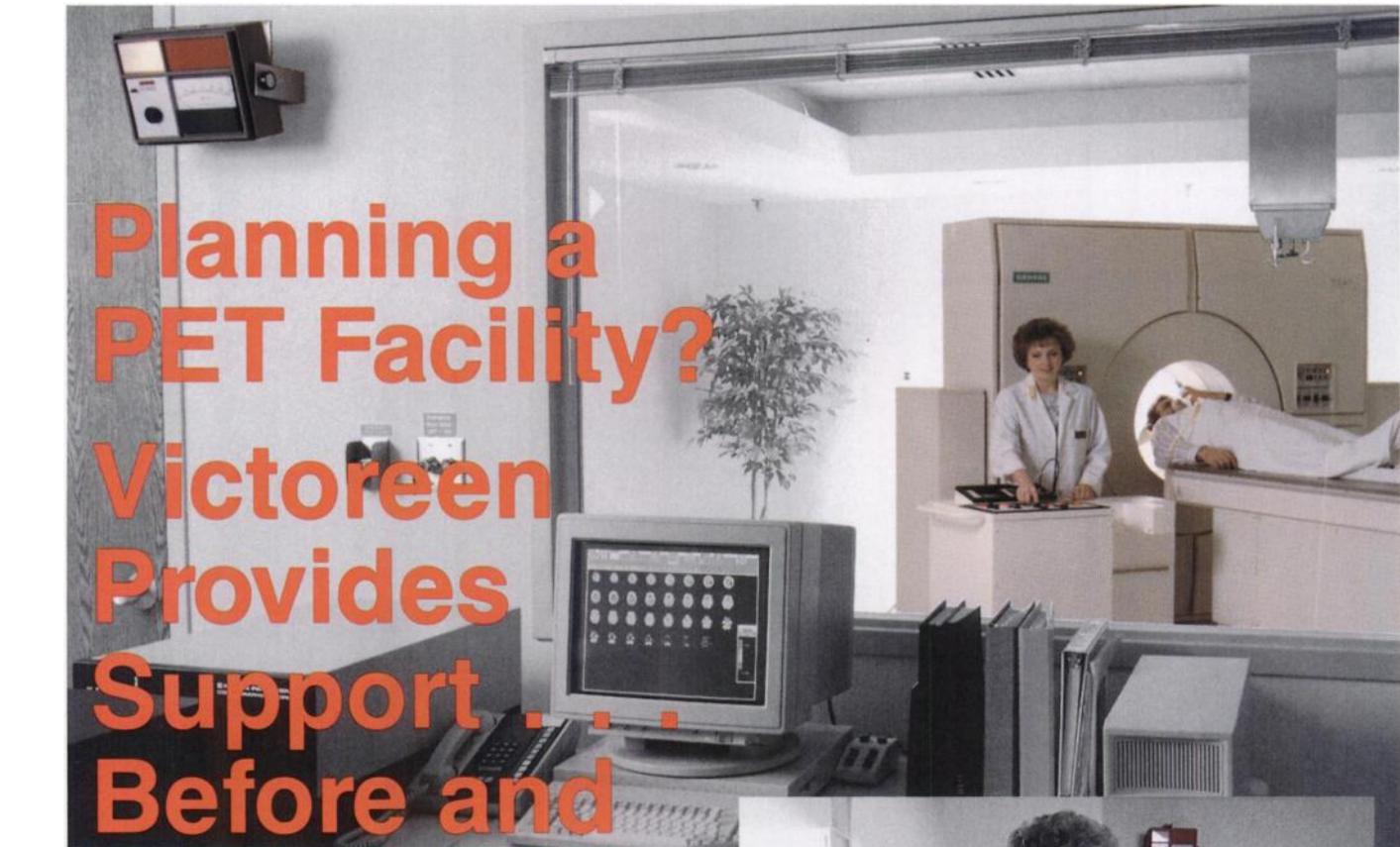
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE: Thallous Chloride Tl 201 may be useful in myocardial perfusion imaging for the diagnosis and localization of myocardial infarction. It may also have prognostic value regarding survival, when used in the clinically stable patient following the onset of symptoms of an acute myocardial infarction, to assess the site and size of the perfusion defect.

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Thallous Chloride Tl 201 is indicated also for the localization of sites of parathyroid hyperactivity in patients with elevated serum calcium and parathyroid hormone levels. It may also be useful in pre-operative screening to localize extrathyroidal and mediastinal sites of parathyroid hyperactivity and for post-surgical reexamination. Thallous Chloride Tl 201 has not been adequately demonstrated to be effective for the localization of normal parathyroid glands.

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.

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 Thallous Chloride Tl 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.

GENERAL: Do not use after the expiration time and date (5 days maximum after calibration time) stated on the label.

Do not use if contents are turbid.

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

Thallous Chloride Tl 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.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic potential, mutagenic potential, or whether Thallous Chloride Tl 201 affects fertility in males or females.

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.

Pregnancy Category C: Adequate reproductive studies have not been conducted in animals with Thallous Chloride Tl 201. It is also not known whether Thallous Chloride Tl 201 can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Thallous Chloride Tl 201 should not be given to a pregnant woman except when benefits clearly outweigh the potential risks.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, nursing should not be undertaken when a patient is administered radioactive material.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in children below the age of 18 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: A single adverse reaction to the administration of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 has been reported consisting of hypotension accompanied by pruritus and a diffuse rash which responded to antihistamines and steroids within one hour.

HOW SUPPLIED: Thallous Chloride Tl 201 for intravenous administration is supplied as a sterile, nonpyrogenic solution containing at calibration time 37MBq/ml (1mCi/ml) of Thallous Chloride Tl 201, 9mg/ml sodium chloride, and 9mg/ml of benzyl alcohol. The pH is adjusted with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide solution. Vials are available in the following quantities of radioactivity: 81.4, 122.1, 162.8, 244.2, 325.6 and 366.3MBq (2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 6.6, 8.8 and 9.9mCi) of Thallous Chloride Tl 201.

Store at room temperature (15-30°C).



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Prescribing Information

For Intravenous Injection

INDICATIONS AND USAGE IV Persantine® (dipyridamole USP) is indicated as an alternative to exercise in thallium myocardial perfusion imaging for the evaluation of coronary artery disease in patients who cannot exercise adequately.

CONTRAINDICATIONS Hypersensitivity to dipyridamole.

WARNINGS Serious adverse reactions associated with the administration of intravenous Persantine® (dipyridamole USP) have included fatal and non-fatal myocardial infarction, ventricular fibrillation, symptomatic ventricular tachycardia, transient cerebral ischemia, and bronchospasm.

In a study of 3911 patients given intravenous Persantine as an adjunct to thallium myocardial perfusion imaging, two types of serious adverse events were reported: 1) four cases of myocardial infarction (0.1%), two fatal (0.05%), and two non-fatal (0.05%); and 2) six cases of severe bronchospasm (0.2%). Although the incidence of these serious adverse events was small (0.3% of 3911), the potential clinical information to be gained through use of intravenous Persantine thallium imaging (see Indications and Usage noting the rate of false positive and false negative results) must be weighed against the risk to the patient. Patients with a history of unstable angina may be at a greater risk for severe myocardial ischemia. Patients with a history of asthma may be at a greater risk for bronchospasm during IV Persantine use.

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.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility In studies in which dipyridamole was administered in the feed at doses of up to 75 mg/kg/day (9.4 times* the maximum recommended daily human oral dose) in mice (up to 128 weeks in males and up to 142 weeks in females) and rats (up to 111 weeks in males and females) there was no evidence of drug related carcinogenesis. Mutagenicity tests of dipyridamole with bacterial and mammalian cell systems were negative. There was no evidence of impaired fertility when dipyridamole was administered to male and female rats at oral doses up to 500 mg/kg/day (63 times* the maximum recommended daily human oral dose). A significant reduction in number of corpora lutea with consequent reduction in implantations and live fetuses was, however, observed at 1250 mg/kg/day.

*Calculation based on assumed body weight of 50 kg.

Pregnancy Category B Reproduction studies performed in mice and rats at daily oral doses of up to 125 mg/kg (15.6 times* the maximum recommended daily human oral dose) and in rabbits at daily oral doses of up to 20 mg/kg (2.5 times* the maximum recommended daily human oral dose) have revealed no evidence of impaired embryonic development due to dipyridamole. There are, however, no adequate and well controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human responses, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

*Calculation based on assumed body weight of 50 kg.

Nursing Mothers Dipyridamole is excreted in human milk.

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

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 (7.5%), 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 (0.8%), 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: Hypothesis (0.5%), hypertonia (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%).

Gastrointestinal System: Dyspepsia (1.0%), dry mouth (0.8%), abdominal pain (0.7%), flatulence (0.6%), vomiting (0.4%), eructation (0.1%), dysphagia (0.03%), tenesmus (0.03%), appetite increased (0.03%).

Respiratory System: Pharyngitis (0.3%), bronchospasm (0.2% see WARNINGS), hyperventilation (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%).

Caution Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription.



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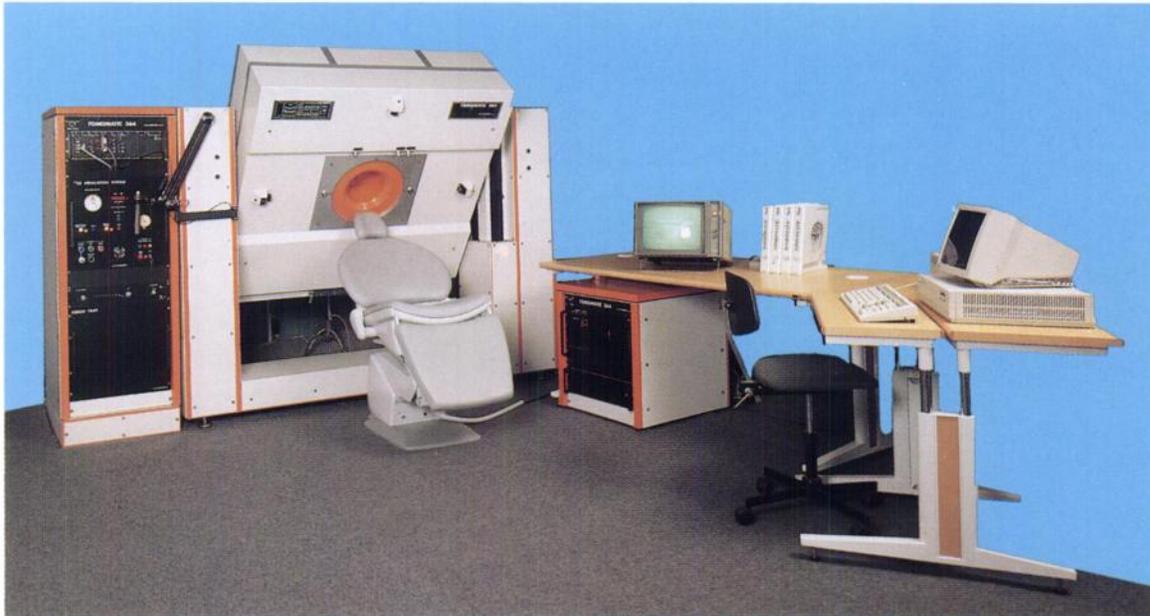
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- TOMOMATIC 348:** To be released in 1992
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MEDIMATIC'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS

DEDICATED VERSUS MULTI-PURPOSE SPECT

Developments in recent years and continuous improvement in gamma cameras have made it possible to convert those devices to multi-detector SPECT. Such general purpose cameras are now able to produce images of reasonably good quality. Until now, most SPECTS performed in nuclear medicine departments have been for brain research.

Although general purpose SPECTS are common items in major nuclear medicine departments, the use of the dedicated brain SPECT instruments has increased only slowly. Because of an insufficient reimbursement system for SPECT brain scans, other clinical SPECT examinations are performed more frequently in departments of nuclear medicine.

The fundamental principle of dedicated brain SPECT is by no means similar to the principle used in the multi-purpose gamma camera SPECT (multi-detector SPECT). Further development of Kuhl's Mark IV scanner into the more sophisticated TOMOMATIC SPECT has almost revolutionized the SPECT imaging market.

The key consideration for a dedicated brain SPECT is maximum count rate and sensitivity performance. An efficient dedicated brain SPECT requires a count rate and sensitivity that are 10 to 20 times higher than those obtained by conventional rotating 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-head gamma cameras or similar systems based on the gamma camera principle.

Thus, a quality dedicated SPECT system is distinguished from the conventional gamma camera based system by fulfilling fundamental requirements for the quality of primary information, rather than by refining insufficient statistical data acquisition used to produce cosmetic/filtrated images in transversal, sagittal or coronal sections by refined reconstruction algorithms and image processing systems.

The sensitivity of the TOMOMATIC SPECT of 6 kcps/ml/mCi/slice with 9 x 9 mm spatial resolution obtained by Tc-99, using double focusing collimator technique and high count rates (up to 200 kcps with Xe-133 with a loss of less than 2 percent) is made possible by the multi-crystal technique. A combination of high sensitivity and count rate capability

DEDICATED VERSUS MULTI-PURPOSE SPECT (continued)

enables the TOMOMATIC SPECT device to make quantitative regional Cerebral Blood Flow (rCBF) images which can be repeated every 15 minutes using the Xenon isotope,

with data acquisition time of only 4 minutes. Furthermore, this dynamic processing feature is an ultimate requirement for producing kinetic studies of new compounds and ligands.

DEDICATED SPECT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

In 1978 the first prototype of a multi-crystal TOMOMATIC SPECT was developed by E. Stokley, Ph.D., of the Southwestern Medical Center, University of Texas, Dallas, et al. This multi-crystal SPECT was taken into clinical routine in 1979 and delivered results which have not been overtaken by other SPECT systems except the TOMOMATIC devices.

At that time, the objective was to develop a three-dimensional method for the imaging of rCBF (regional Cerebral Blood Flow) during activation. A method which earlier successfully led to essential knowledge of the location of the main centers in the brain cortex and their functional activity during rCBF activation measurements was performed laterally and bilaterally by a multi-crystal gamma camera designed by MEDIMATIC called DYNAMATIC 254. This special gamma camera designed with 254 single NaI scintillation crystals used a focusing collimator and high resolution to measure count rates of 1,000,000 cps with a loss of less than 1%.

The clinical studies using Xe-133 were based on either invasive or non-invasive methods. The TOMOGRAPHIC replacement for the DYNAMATIC camera was a multi-crystal rotating four-camera unit system consisting of 4 x 64 single NaI crystal segments divided electronically into four slices. That SPECT,

called TOMOMATIC 64, was installed in over 30 hospitals and clinics in the United States, Europe and Japan, where it is still used daily.

A further development in the four-slice TOMOMATIC 64 SPECT led in 1984 to release of the TOMOMATIC 564 based on VAX/DEC computer systems, which provided equal and/or improved results in five slices of the brain taken simultaneously. Dynamic data acquisition performed with data collection of 3.5 million counts in 4.5 minutes was based on Xe-133 or Xe-127 with a resolution of 12 mm during dynamic flow studies.

That improved system, which was created as a high-sensitivity device, could be collimated so intensively that it allowed processing of static images based on Tc-99 and I-123 with spatial resolution down to 6 mm. By 1991 more than ten of these more expensive models had been sold in the United States, Europe and Japan.

During that period, the fan beam collimator, which can perform examinations on premature infants and primates with a spatial resolution down to 3.5 mm, was developed by Douglas Jones, Ph.D. NIMH, Washington, D.C., et al, in 1990, and released by Medimatic for clinical use on premature infants in 1991.

DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS OF DYNAMIC SPECT

MAIN PROBLEM TO SOLVE IN SPECT: Good primary information during data acquisition ensures satisfactory SPECT results from each slice. Insufficient collected primary information

may, of course, be compensated for by artificial calculations in the data processing. It is difficult to evaluate the results of those adjustments and corrections in regard to static

DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS OF DYNAMIC SPECT (continued)

imaging based on Tc-99 or I-123 compounds, where it is mainly a question of allocating the time necessary to obtain a statistically sufficient number of counts per slice. The problems of primary data quality become evident when more demanding dynamic data acquisitions by Xe-133 or Xe-127 are involved.

For a slice thickness of 10 mm, a sufficient amount of collected data should be 2 million counts for data acquisition by Tc-99. If the time when the patient may not move is reduced as much as possible, a good time resolution is still required in order to obtain as good a spatial resolution as it is possible to get with the TOMOMATIC SPECT.

In TOMOMATIC SPECT, dynamic data acquisition means data acquisition that produces a SPECT image in a few seconds (30-45 sec.). Such short acquisition time is necessary in order to evaluate the clearance per voxel periodically with sufficient statistical certainty to allow each data acquisition during 3-5 periods to be used to calculate the blood flow per voxel (ml/min./100 g tissue), i.e. quantitative rCBF. Only dedicated brain SPECT systems such as the TOMOMATIC systems can achieve this, and consequently they are the only real potential competitors to the PET systems.

In contrast, static data acquisition involves collecting specific numbers of counts that are statistically sufficient to reveal even very small areas (voxels) of low activity. While the relative change in the collected number of counts forms the basis of the calculations in dynamic data acquisition, static data acquisition involves a specific number of counts that are reliable for image information (in this case 2 million counts).

The high sensitivity of the instrument is a decisive factor in determining data acquisition time. In that regard, TOMOMATIC is the only SPECT instrument able to collect a sufficient number of counts in a very short time. That ability results from the double-focusing collimator technique used in the TOMOMATIC SPECT. High SPECT sensitivity combined with

an intense collimation provides a high spatial resolution that allows even very small non-active regional areas of the studied object to be revealed.

But it is not only spatial resolution that is important. Time resolution is also of great importance, especially for dynamic data acquisitions in which a large amount of activity is used to establish the rate of the regional clearance. At this point it should be noted that the TOMOMATIC SPECT systems do not allow any false addresses from the individual rotating camera surface at high count rates, which can happen when using the gamma camera technique of the multi-purpose SPECT systems. In the TOMOMATIC SPECT instruments each camera unit has been built with multicrystals covered by individual photomultipliers to ensure that each arriving photon that passes the collimator unit is slowed down by the individual crystals. That means that the position of the crystals is unambiguously characterized even at very high count rates.

If the fan beam collimator technique and high count rates are used in a double-focusing collimator configuration, a small collimator surface is projected on a large individual scintillation crystal surface by means of which a large number of counts limited to a single crystal can be used. Erroneous positioning can be avoided whether the count rate is small or large. This is the principle used in the new TOMOMATIC SPECT systems, as opposed to the new multi-detector gamma camera SPECT systems, where only one crystal can be divided electronically, which can result in errors in electronical positioning. Additionally, mechanical non-alignment problems may occur. That happens especially if the rotation speed is increased to a level of 6 turns per minute, which is necessary for dynamic quantitative measurement of blood flow. Not even the finest and most sophisticated computer correction programs will be able to correct such errors.

That is the reason why MEDIMATIC has always insisted on a single crystal technique and a double focusing standard, as well as a

DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS OF DYNAMIC SPECT (continued)

fan beam collimator technique. MEDIMATIC has solved the SPECT problems by developing a series of SPECT instruments since the first TOMOMATIC 64 was launched in 1978. The series comprises seven different dedicated brain SPECT scanners, each having its own price range. They have all been developed based on Prof. Niels A. Lassen's work in the field of clinical neurophysiology. The latest model is TOMOMATIC 864, which is also used for other kinds of SPECT than brain SPECT due to its variable aperture.

CLINICAL IMPACT OF TOMOMATIC SPECT:

The dedicated brain SPECT instruments were designed with the specific purpose of imaging cerebrovascular conditions. Eighty to 90% of all neurologically conditioned diseases are caused by insufficient regional circulation in the brain. Until the launching of TOMOMATIC SPECT, objective examination methods, e.g. screening, were in great demand. In this respect, especially within apoplexy research, it has been important for quantitative flow to be determined, mainly using tests where autoregulation conditions could be examined and where the diamox test could reveal the functional capability of the collateral blood flow in case of blocked blood afflux to large brain segments.

In migraine research, quantitative flow measurement during and after a migraine attack is of great importance. Only dynamic measurements are able to indicate the relevant treatment. In contrast, static high resolution studies are of great importance in the diagnosis of diseases like Parkinsons, Alzheimers and other form of dementia.

In epilepsy research, surgical treatment of the temporal lobe after a TOMOMATIC SPECT has marked a new era in the treatment of this disease.

The development of routine clinical diagnosis based on dynamic and static high resolution SPECT studies now awaits only improved patient reimbursement, and the news about the effectiveness of the TOMOMATIC SPECT system to reach some conservative groups of doctors.

The most recent studies on primates and premature infants indicate even more important neurological applications, in which only the TOMOMATIC SPECT, which is the current leader and has no competitors, can demonstrate the value of the dedicated brain SPECT.

INDUSTRIAL IMPACT ON THE TOMOMATIC SPECT IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET:

The SPECT manufacturer's market has not been particularly stable in the past decade. Today, only Medimatic, which has enjoyed more than 20 years of stability in the field of brain diagnostic equipment and which is owned by the same group as when it was founded, is able to offer a series of SPECT devices for routine clinical application.

So far Medimatic has not encountered any further competition concerning time and spatial resolution. Looking back on the 12 years of intensive SPECT research shows that Medimatic's stress on developing SPECT systems based on individual slice performance due to multi-crystals was the right choice. That is what has led to the reliable primary information that can make the dedicated brain SPECT a genuine clinical tool in neurology and neurological surgical treatment. It is a method that, when used together with CT or MR information, can provide indications on treatment requirements in the early stages of a disease.

FUTURE TOMOMATIC SPECT

New TOMOMATIC multi-crystal SPECT models will be released during 1992-93, once the initial clinical tests have been completed:

TOMOMATIC 348M: A mobile version with 144 scintillation channels optimized for high sensitivity and a count rate appropriate for dynamic measurements on the adult brain, as well as on the brain of premature infants and primates. Resolution down to 5 mm using fan beam collimator.

TOMOMATIC 864: A stationary 8-slice device equipped with 768 NaI crystal elements arranged in four rotating detectors and prepared for a special fan beam collimator technique with resolution of 5 to 6 mm in brain mode and 10 to 12 mm spatial resolution in heart mode. This model carries an adjustable aperture which can change the field of view to optimize the aperture for different types of examinations and collimator utilization.

BREAKING THE VICIOUS CIRCLE

At the beginning of 1992 it is amazing to observe the conservatism continually displayed by diagnosticians, i.e. neurologists, vascular surgeons, neurosurgeons and psychiatrists, in the leading hospitals and clinics. They are hesitant to order clinical examinations based on SPECT and consequently reluctant to support the purchase of special SPECT devices by departments of nuclear medicine.

Unfortunately, there is still little or no demand for examination results based on data and image information of regional physiological states rather than qualitative description or imaging of the morphologic structures. That is why it is still a challenge for nuclear medicine specialists to work on convincing claimants and increasing the demand, before expensive dedicated brain SPECT instruments can be purchased.

That has already caused the departments of nuclear medicine to continue in the almost unbreakable vicious circle of buying "low-cost general purpose multi-detector SPECT devices which do not provide applicable and satisfactory diagnostic results to the groups of claimants for their decisive process of correct patient treatment." The acceptance of irrele-

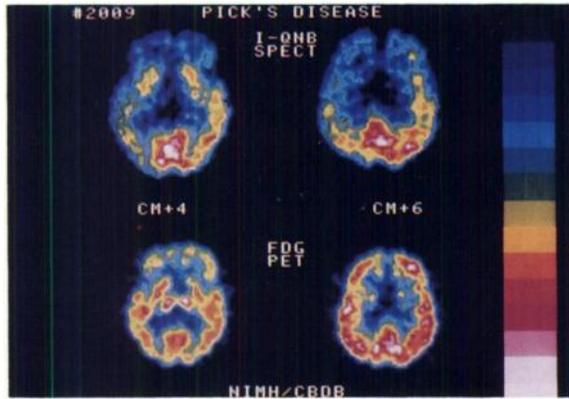
vant diagnostic devices reduces demand for brain SPECT examinations, and the limited number of patients means that the departments of nuclear medicine may have to continue with the insufficient multi-purpose instruments.

In future, progressive nuclear medicine departments will purchase instruments (cheap or expensive) only if they are convinced they can fulfill latent needs that will exist and increase in the future. Consequently, in future departments of nuclear medicine will have to equip themselves with special instruments dedicated to unique specialties such as the brain, the torso and/or the extremities.

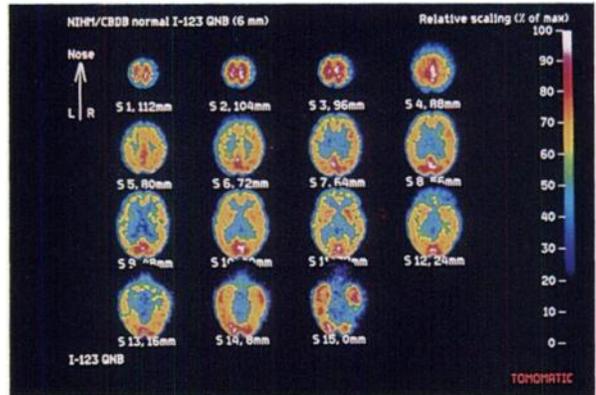
IN SUMMARY:

To save money by a low-cost purchase which does not correspond to a no-cost purchase can easily be an investment error. It is better to obtain the understanding of claimant groups if you are responsible for nuclear medicine before purchasing an insufficient SPECT for general purpose. TOMOMATIC SPECT has been dedicated to the brain and the individual brain slices from the outset.

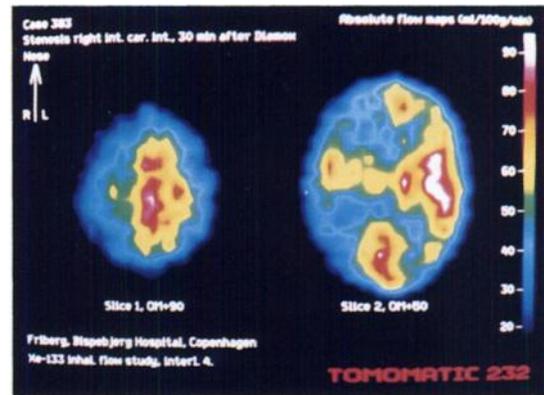
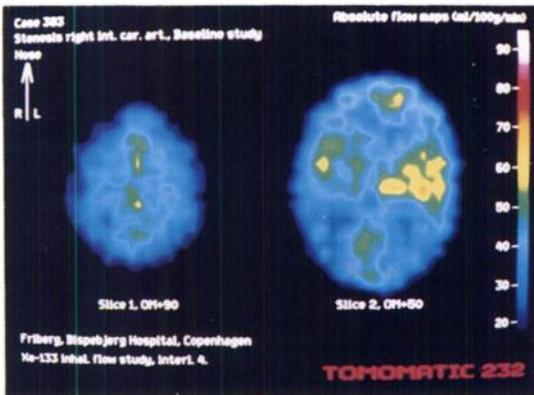
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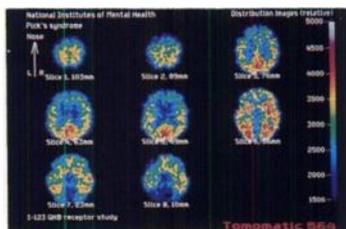
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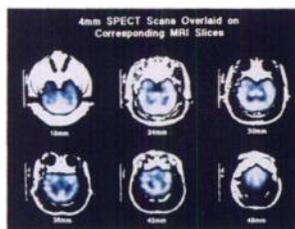
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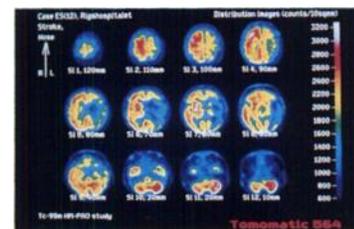
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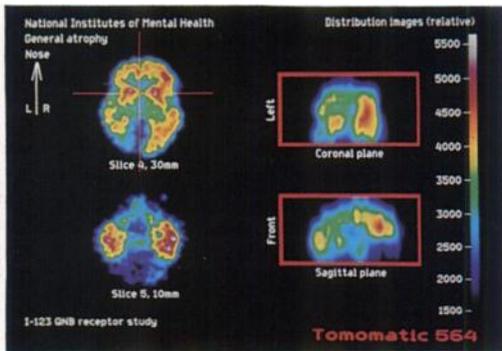


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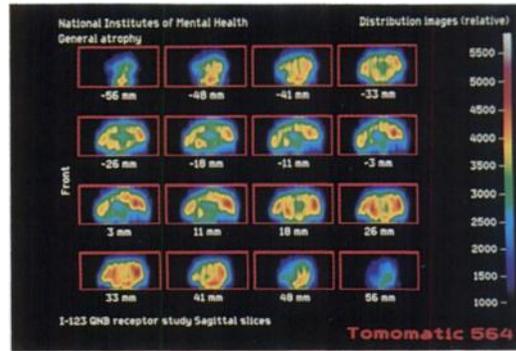


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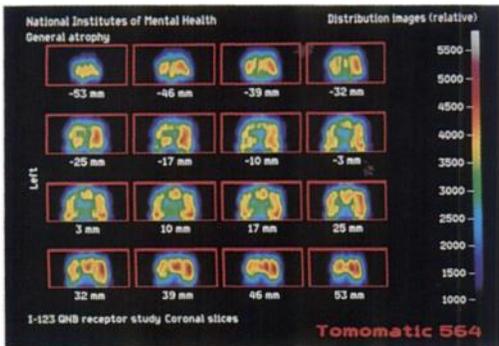
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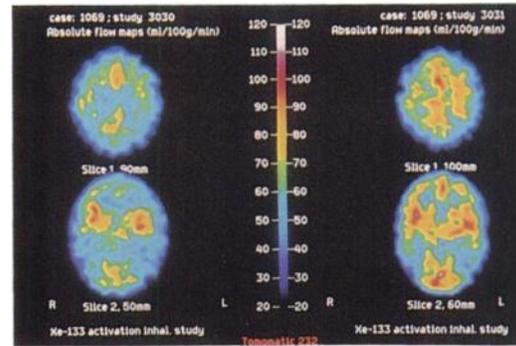
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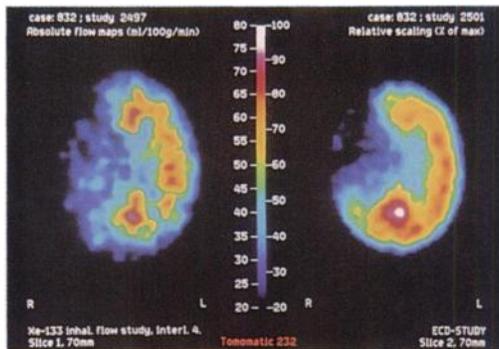
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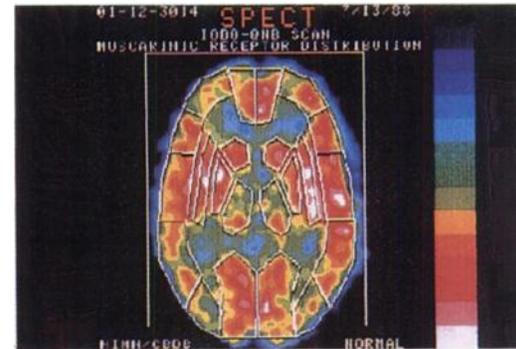
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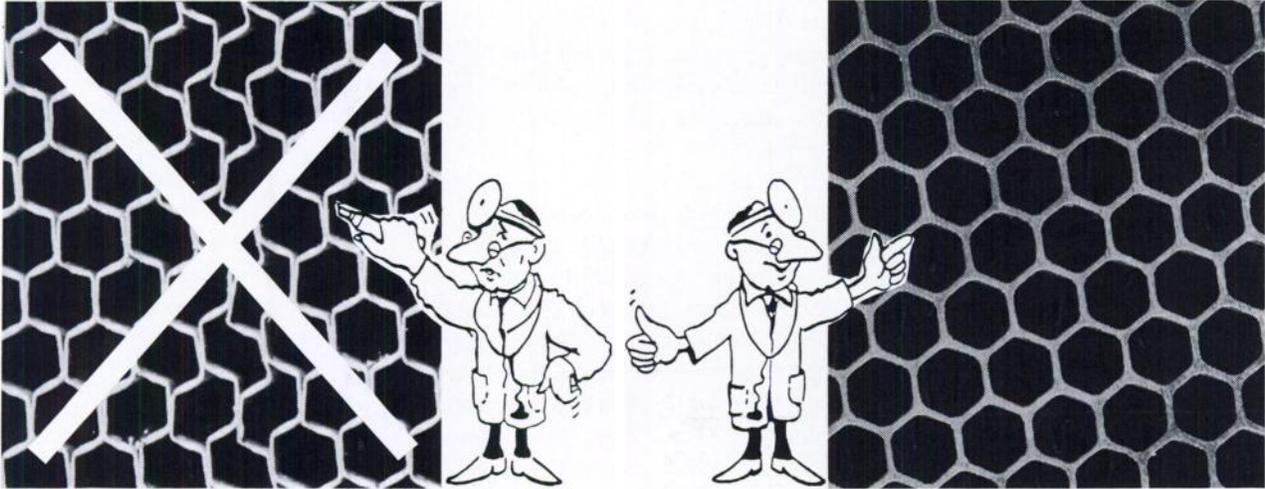
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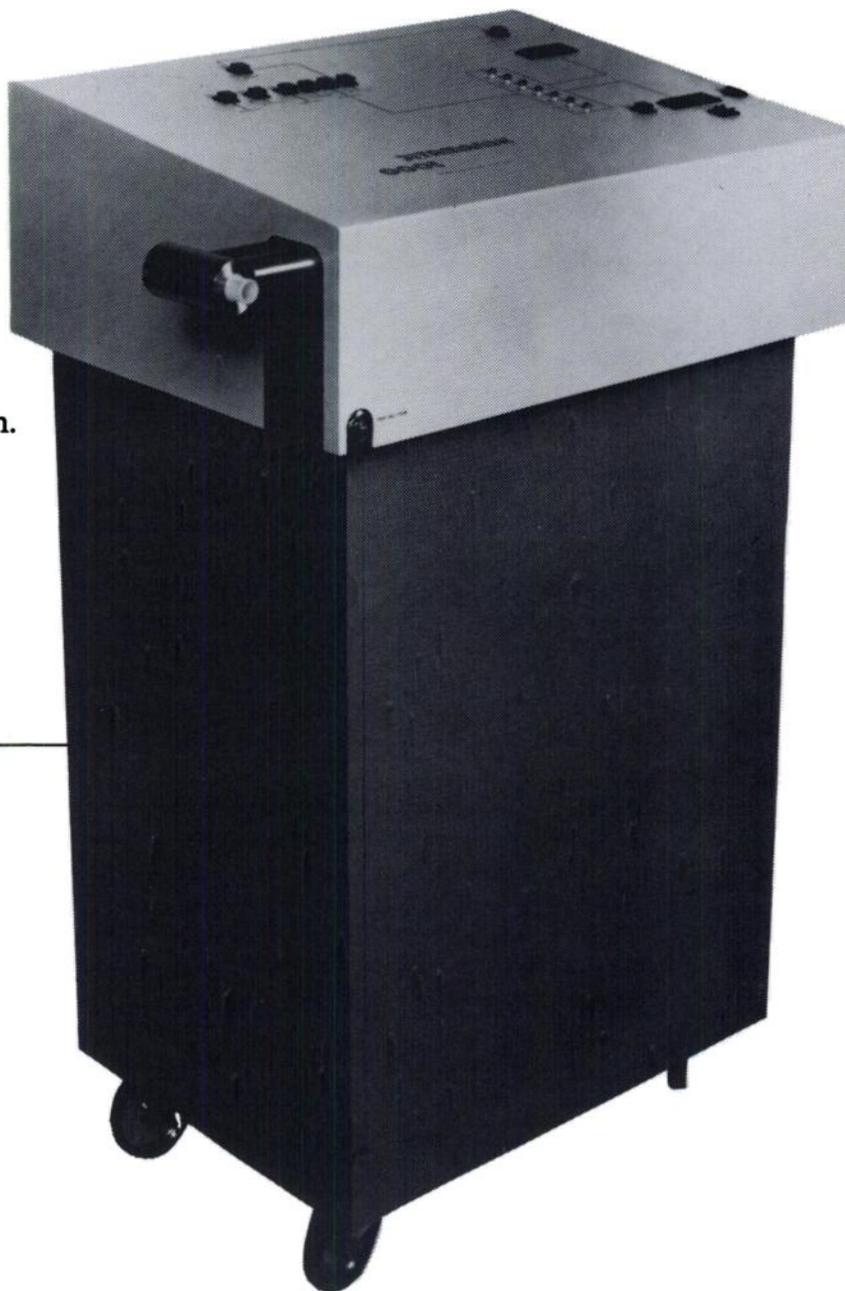
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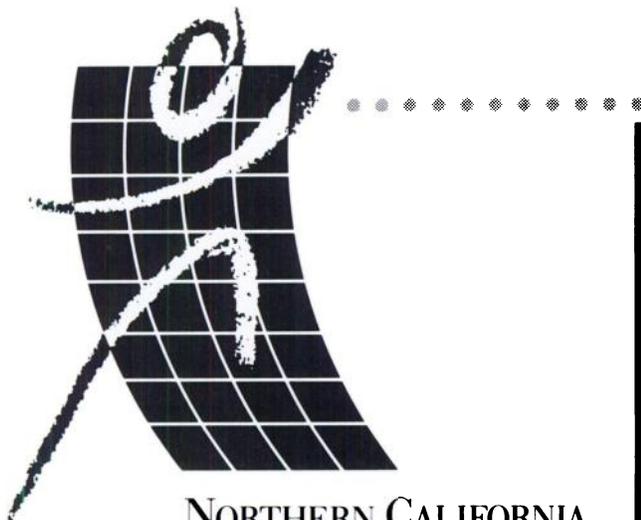
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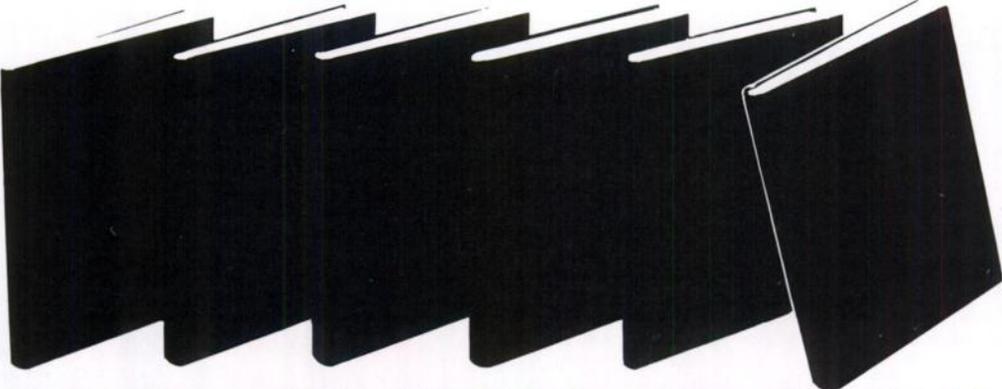
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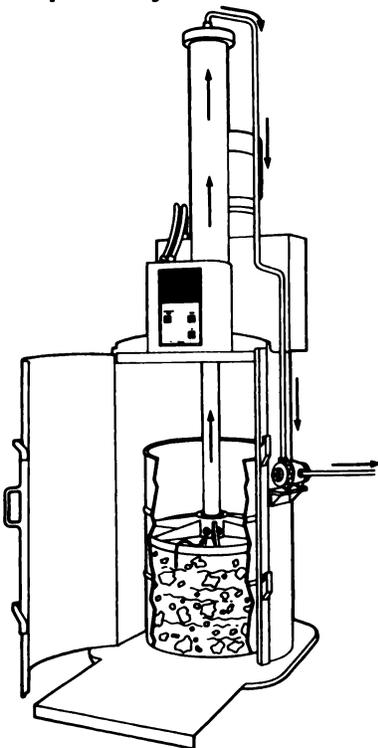
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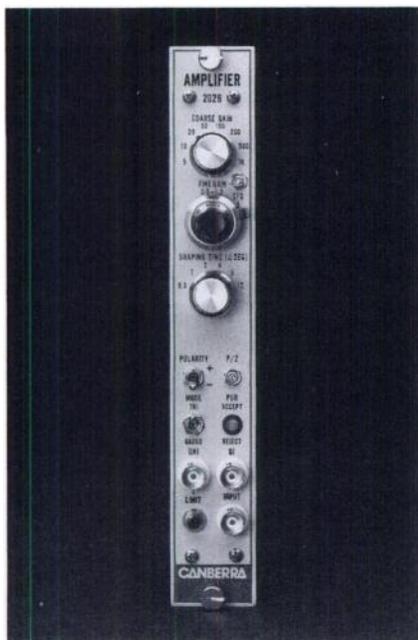
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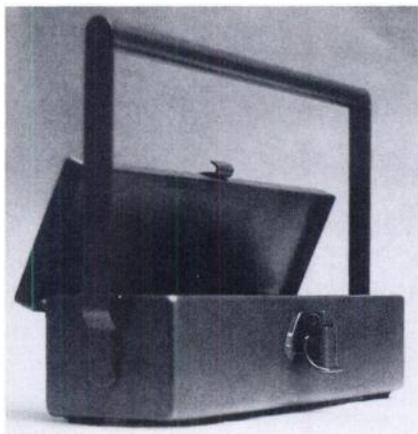
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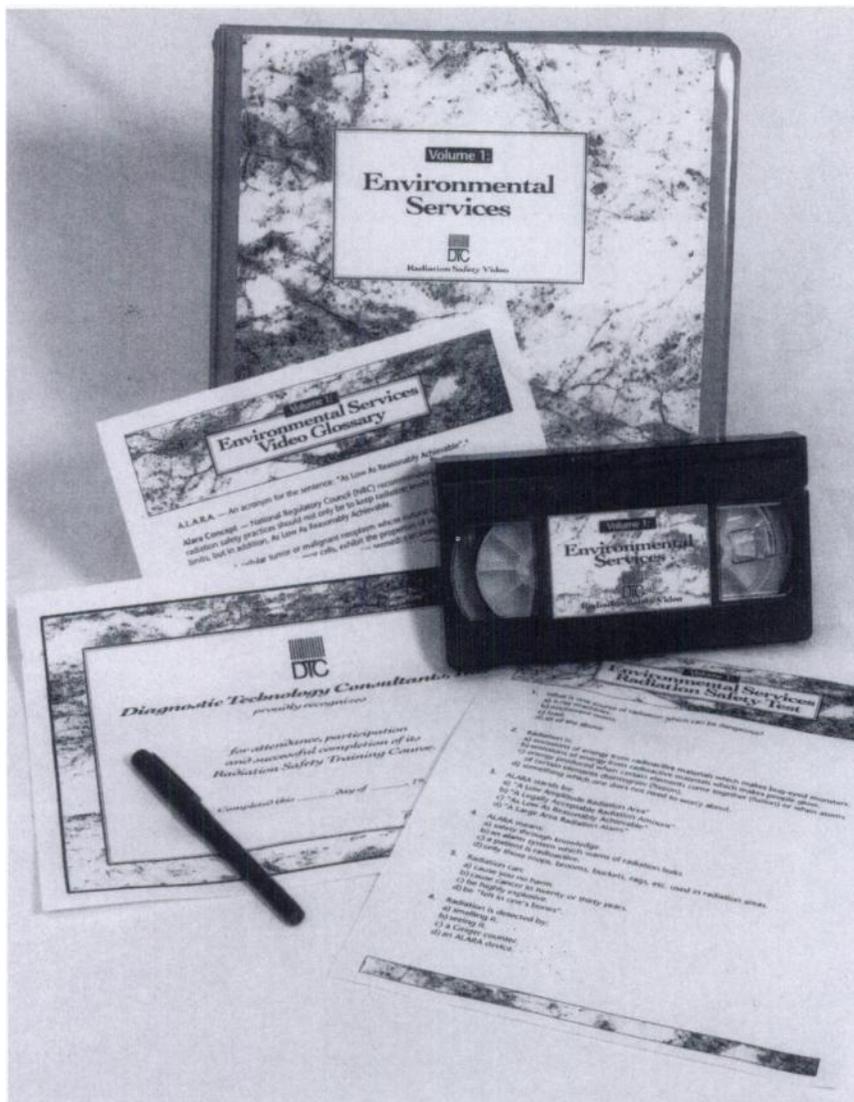
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