

Estimates listed below are valid until 3/31/21

Iodine 131 Pre-Treatment Information and Estimate

We have a limited number of hyperthyroid appointments available and they are often booked several weeks in advance. You may call and schedule the appointment for your client any time during the initial stages of treatment. This will ensure getting an appointment at the desired time. All patients must be up-to-date on vaccinations.

Once the cat is diagnosed as hyperthyroid, start methimazole. After 2 weeks, check a urinalysis, CBC, chemistry and T4. A 3-month methimazole trial is recommended, but not required. The aforementioned blood work, including urinalysis, should be rechecked before methimazole discontinuation. If the cat is euthyroid and not azotemic at the conclusion of the methimazole trial, discontinue the methimazole for two weeks prior to the appointment at UTCVM Veterinary Medical Center. If Hills y/d diet is being fed, discontinue two weeks prior to the appointment. Early signs of renal disease are not a contraindication for I131 and the risks will be discussed with clients to determine the best plan for them and the patient. If you have specific questions regarding the case, please call and ask for a Internal Medicine consult (865-974-8387).

Keep in mind we cannot handle the patients once they are admitted to radiation isolation. They are checked daily by the radiologist or nuclear medicine technician. We will provide the patient with fresh food and water and clean their litter box. If the patient is on oral medication, we will attempt to hide it in their food or in a treat; however, if the patient does not consume the medication we cannot attempt manual administration.

Estimated length of stay: 8-14 days

Estimate: \$2,100.00 - \$3,000.00

The estimated cost depends on the total number of days the patient is in the hospital. This estimate includes the work up cost (\$900.00 - \$1,700.00), referral exam, blood work, urinalysis, blood pressure, thoracic radiographs, cardiology consult including echocardiogram, Technetium Scan, and hospitalization. Not all testing may be necessary.

Hospital Payment Policy: <https://vetmed.tennessee.edu/vmc/Clients/Pages/Payment-Policy.aspx>

Client information about Iodine 131: https://vetmed.tennessee.edu/vmc/Radiology/Documents/UTCVM_Iodine131_FAQ.pdf

UTCVM Visit Information for Clients: <https://tiny.utk.edu/UTCVMVisitInfo>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REFERRAL!

Please ensure you send copies of all radiographs (films), lab test results, etc. Digital images/radiographs may be sent in DICOM format to utvetref@utk.edu **Advanced imaging such as CT, MRI and Ultrasound need to be brought on a CD in DICOM format with the client.*

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Clients and/or Veterinarians

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Referring Veterinarians ONLY

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