



I-131 Referral Guidelines

Patient Name: _____ Owner Name: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M NM F SF

Referring Veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

Below are guidelines/requirements for referral for I-131 Therapy. If you have any questions, please let us know and we can help you and your client through the process.

___ Tapazole or methimazole trial for at least three weeks. ****Patients that have reactions may be treated without the trial****

___ CBC, Chem Panel, T4 after normalization of thyroid levels with antithyroid medication to evaluate adequate kidney function. If no dramatic worsening of kidney function is detected, then the cat is considered a good candidate for I-131 therapy.

___ Bloodwork (CBC, Chem Panel, T4) at the time hyperthyroidism was first diagnosed.

___ Highest T4 level (may be the first)

___ Abdominal ultrasound and echocardiogram (is included in the cost of therapy). Just inform our office if ultrasound is needed and we can schedule these to be performed. If enlarged lymph nodes are seen, fine needle aspirate for cytological review may be needed to determine cause of enlargement. The echocardiogram is performed to see how the heart has responded to the hyperthyroid state.

___ Urinalysis including specific gravity measured by a refractometer.

___ CBC and chemistry panel within 30 days prior to admission.

___ OFF methimazole therapy for 7-10 days.

Please send your patient's medical record to our office prior to I-131 consultation. This will help us prepare for your patients' treatment.

Medical records can be faxed to 559-451-0808. You may also contact our office at 559-451-0800.

The cost for I-131 therapy is \$1250.00. This is all inclusive. The cost includes: three day hospital stay, home care package, abdominal ultrasound, and echocardiogram.