

## PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

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### 1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE

<sup>123</sup>I-SOLUTION, 74 MBq/ml solution.

### 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

<sup>123</sup>I-Solution contain iodine-123, obtainable from 74 MBq/ml.

For full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

### 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

The <sup>123</sup>I-Solution is a clear solution containing radioactive material that is packed in a clear glass vial inside a lead pot. The <sup>123</sup>I-Solution is for injection or oral administration and only manufactured on order. The amount of iodine-123 and the volume of the solution is indicated on the label affixed to the lead pot and glass vial.

### 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

#### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Iodine-123 is suitable for diagnostic examinations of the thyroid and the diagnosis of thyroid cancer.

#### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

The <sup>123</sup>I-Solution can be administered orally or intravenously. The dosage varies from 5 to 370 MBq according to the amount prescribed for a specific diagnostic examination.

#### **4.3 Contraindications**

Sensitivity to iodine.

#### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

<sup>123</sup>I-Solution is radioactive and should only be handled and administered by legally authorised personnel.

The <sup>123</sup>I-Solution is not recommended for pregnant patients. Since iodine-123 is excreted in human milk, formula feeding should be substituted for breastfeeding if <sup>123</sup>I-Solution must be administered to the mother during lactation.

#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction**

No interaction studies have been performed.

#### **4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**

The safety of this preparation in pregnancy has not been established. Since iodine-123 is excreted in human milk, formula feeding should be substituted for breastfeeding if <sup>123</sup>I-Solution must be administered to the mother during lactation (see section **4.4. Special warnings and precautions for use**).

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have been

performed.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

No side-effects are known.

##### *Reporting of suspected adverse reactions:*

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicine is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicine. Healthcare providers are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions to SAHPRA via the “6.04 Adverse Drug Reactions Reporting Form” found online under SAHPRA’s publications: <https://www.sahpra.org.za/Publications/Index/8>.

#### **4.9 Overdose**

No symptoms of overdosage are known.

### **5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

#### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

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Iodine is absorbed through active transport by the cells of the thyroid gland. The absorption is activated by thyreotropin. Consequently, the radioactive iodine will also be concentrated into the thyroid gland.

#### **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

No absorption studies were performed with this product.

### **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

No additional preclinical information, relevant to the indication, is presented.

## **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

Sodium chloride and

Water for injection

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

None known.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

The product remains stable until 5 hours after calibration (reference) time.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

The glass container with the <sup>123</sup>I-Solution must be stored inside the lead pot in which it is packed. The solution may be kept at room temperature (at or below 30 °C) until administered to a patient.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

The <sup>123</sup>I-Solution is packed in a clear glass vial with a rubber stopper and aluminum seal/cap inside a lead pot. The label is affixed to the lead pot and glass vial. The lid of the lead pot is fitted with adhesive tape, on which the radioactivity marks appear.

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<sup>123</sup>I-Solution  
74 MBq/ml Iodine-123 per solution

## **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**

The contents of the vial are radioactive. Radiopharmaceuticals should only be disposed by appropriately qualified persons.

## **7 HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

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## **8 REGISTRATION NUMBER**

Injection: S566 (Act 101 of 1965)  
Oral solution: S567 (Act 101 of 1965)

## **9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION / RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

11 July 1984

## **10 DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

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