Frequently Asked Questions about Medicare Reimbursement for Positron Emission Tomography
1) What has changed as a result of the final decision memorandum on Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Solid Tumors (CAG-00191R4)?

From the Final Decision Memorandum on Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Solid Tumors (CAG-00191R4):

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final decision memorandum on Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Solid Tumors (CAG-00191R4), effective for claims with dates of service on and after June 11, 2013. This decision memorandum was in response to the request made by the National Oncologic PET Registry (NOPR) to lift the requirement for Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) on subsequent PET scans for oncologic purposes. There were three specific elements of this decision:

1. CMS is ending the requirement for CED for 18F fludeoxyglucose* (FDG) PET for oncologic indications. This removes the requirement for prospective data collection by the NOPR for those cancers or cancer types that had been covered under CED.

2. CMS has determined that three (3) FDG PET scans are nationally covered when used to guide subsequent management of anti-tumor treatment strategy after completion of initial anticancer therapy. Coverage of any additional FDG PET scans (beyond three) used to guide subsequent management of anti-tumor treatment strategy after completion of initial anti-tumor therapy will be determined by local Medicare Administrative Contractors.

3. CMS reviewed additional evidence for the use of FDG PET for patients with cancer of the prostate. CMS proposes that use of FDG PET is reasonable and necessary and will nationally cover FDG PET when used to guide subsequent anti-tumor treatment strategy of prostate cancer.

FDG PET is often performed using a device that combines FDG PET with other imaging modalities. CMS includes integrated FDG PET/computerized tomography (FDG PET/CT) and integrated FDG PET/magnetic resonance imaging (FDG PET/MRI) in the term FDG PET as used in the decision unless context indicates otherwise. *Indication and important safety information can be found below for fludeoxyglucose F 18 (18F FDG) injection, adult dose 5-10 mCi, administered by intravenous injection.

2) What is now covered based on the final decision memorandum on Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Solid Tumors (CAG-00191R4)?

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after June 11, 2013, the chart below from Appendix C of the Final Decision Memorandum on PET for Solid Tumors (CAG-00191R4) summarizes national FDG PET coverage for oncologic conditions.

For initial treatment strategy, one (1) scan is nationally covered, and for subsequent treatment strategies three (3) scans are nationally covered by Medicare, with additional scans being covered at the discretion of the local Medicare Administrative Contractors.

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**FLUDEOXYGLUCOSE F 18 INJECTION**

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 injection (18F FDG) is indicated for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging in the following setting:

**Oncology:** For assessment of abnormal glucose metabolism to assist in the evaluation of malignancy in patients with known or suspected abnormalities found by other testing modalities, or in patients with an existing diagnosis of cancer.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

**Radiation Risks**

Radiation-emitting products, including fludeoxyglucose F 18 injection, may increase the risk for cancer, especially in pediatric patients. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker.

**Blood Glucose Abnormalities**

In the oncology and neurology setting, suboptimal imaging may occur in patients with inadequately regulated blood glucose levels. In these patients, consider medical therapy and laboratory testing to assure at least two days of normoglycemia prior to fludeoxyglucose F 18 injection administration.

**Adverse Reactions**

Hypersensitivity reactions with pruritus, edema and rash have been reported; have emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel immediately available.

*Full Prescribing Information for Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection can be found on page 10.*

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 injection is manufactured by Siemens’ PETNET Solutions, 810 Innovation Drive, Knoxville, TN 39732
*Cervix: Nationally non-covered for the initial diagnosis of cervical cancer related to initial anti-tumor treatment strategy. All other indications for initial anti-tumor treatment strategy for cervical cancer are nationally covered.

*Breast: Nationally non-covered for initial diagnosis and/or staging of axillary lymph nodes. Nationally covered for initial staging of metastatic disease. All other indications for initial anti-tumor treatment strategy for breast cancer are nationally covered.

*Melanoma: Nationally non-covered for initial staging of regional lymph nodes. All other indications for initial anti-tumor treatment strategy for melanoma are nationally covered.

*Lung: Includes solitary pulmonary nodule (SPN).

### 3) What codes are used for billing \(^{18}\)F FDG oncologic PET procedures?

The codes on the following tables are to be used to bill Medicare Part B, including hospital outpatient services paid under HOPPS (APC) and non-hospital outpatient services provided in a physician practice or IDTF paid under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS).

To bill Medicare for PET- and PET/CT-covered procedures, providers should use the appropriate CPT® code based on the code description. The table below taken from the Medicare Claims Processing Manual revised July 2007\(^3\) contains a complete listing of CPT codes for covered indications.

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\(^*\) Not covered by Medicare.
4) What is initial treatment strategy?

Initial treatment strategy includes diagnosis and initial staging.

CMS covers, with certain limitations for melanoma, breast and cervical cancers (see table on page 3), one FDG PET study, per patient per cancer type, for initial treatment strategy for all cancers (except prostate cancer, which is not covered) that are biopsy proven or strongly suspected based on other diagnostic testing when the beneficiary’s treating physician determines that the FDG PET study is needed to determine the location and/or extent of the tumor for the following therapeutic purposes related to the initial treatment strategy:

• To determine whether or not the beneficiary is an appropriate candidate for an invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedure; or,

• To determine the optimal anatomic location for an invasive procedure; or,

• To determine the anatomic extent of tumor when the recommended anti-tumor treatment reasonably depends on the extent of the tumor

Local Medicare Administrative Contractors have the discretion to cover or not cover within their jurisdictions any additional FDG PET scans for initial treatment strategy as described above.4

5) What is subsequent treatment strategy?

Subsequent treatment strategy includes monitoring tumor response to treatment during a planned course of therapy when a change in treatment is being considered and restaging after the completion of treatment to detect residual disease, or to detect suspected recurrence or to assess the extent of a known recurrence.

CMS nationally covers three FDG PET scans when used to guide subsequent management of anti-tumor treatment strategy after completion of initial anti-tumor therapy. Coverage of more than three FDG PET scans to guide subsequent management of anti-tumor treatment strategy after completion of initial anti-tumor therapy shall be determined by the local Medicare Administrative Contractors.2

6) How do I identify a scan for initial treatment strategy or subsequent treatment strategy on my claim form?

Taken from the Medicare Claims Processing Manual revised July 20077:
Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 3, 2009, the following modifiers have been created for use to inform for the initial treatment strategy of biopsy-proven or strongly suspected tumors or subsequent treatment strategy of cancerous tumors:

PI – Positron Emission Tomography (PET) or PET/Computed Tomography (CT) to inform the initial treatment strategy of tumors that are biopsy proven or strongly suspected of being cancerous based on other diagnostic testing.

Short descriptor: PET tumor init tx strat

PS – Positron Emission Tomography (PET) or PET/Computed Tomography (CT) to inform the subsequent treatment strategy of cancerous tumors when the beneficiary’s treatment physician determines that the PET study is needed to inform subsequent anti-tumor strategy.

Short descriptor: PS - PET tumor subsq tx strategy.

The transmittals can be found on the following Internet pages:

7) What is covered by Medicare for Sodium Fluoride F 18 (¹⁸F NaF) PET?

On February 26, 2010, CMS announced coverage for sodium fluoride F 18* (¹⁸F NaF) PET imaging under Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) to: “assist initial antitumor treatment planning or to guide subsequent treatment strategy by the identification, location and quantification of bone metastases in beneficiaries in whom bone metastases are strongly suspected based on clinical symptoms or the results of other diagnostic studies.”

Almost a year later, on February 7, 2011, the National Oncologic PET Registry (NOPR) began enrolling patients for ¹⁸F NaF Bone PET studies and CMS began reimbursing ¹⁸F NaF PET scans when the beneficiary is enrolled in, and the ¹⁸F NaF PET provider and treating physician are participating in, the NOPR clinical study.

For more information, visit the NOPR website: www.cancerpetregistry.org

*Sodium Fluoride F 18 injection, adult dose 8-12 mCi, administered by intravenous injection.

8) How does the closing of ¹⁸F FDG PET data collection impact NaF-NOPR?

CMS issued a final decision memorandum in June 2013, which called for the end of the prospective data collection requirements under CED for all oncologic indications for ¹⁸F FDG PET. Please note that this decision applies to the ¹⁸F FDG PET registry (NOPR-2009) only. Effective June 12, 2013, the NOPR-2009 registry will no longer accept new case registrations.

The sodium fluoride F 18 injection (¹⁸F NaF PET) registry will remain open. PET facilities that wish to continue participating in the ¹⁸F NaF PET registry (or to begin participating) can continue to do so.

Check for updated information on the NOPR website at: http://www.cancerpetregistry.org/index.htm

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**SODIUM FLUORIDE F 18 INJECTION**

For Intravenous Use

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is a radioactive diagnostic agent for positron emission tomography (PET) indicated for imaging of bone to define areas of altered osteogenic activity.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

- Allergic Reactions: As with any injectable drug product, allergic reactions and anaphylaxis may occur. Emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel should be immediately available.

- Cancer Risk: Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection may increase the risk of cancer. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

No adverse reactions have been reported for Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection based on a review of the published literature, publicly available reference sources, and adverse drug reaction reporting system.

Full Prescribing Information for Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection can be found on page 18.

Sodium Fluoride F 18 injection is manufactured by Siemens’ PETNET Solutions, 810 Innovation Drive, Knoxville, TN 39732.
9) What codes and modifiers apply to billing $^{18}$F NaF scans?

Taken from Medicare Claims Processing Manual revised July 2007:

Medicare covered PET procedures for bone scans should be reported using CPT® codes as well as the applicable Healthcare Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code for the radiopharmaceutical. According to CMS, effective for claims with dates of service on or after February 26, 2010, contractors shall accept PET oncologic claims billed with modifier 26 and modifier KX to inform the initial treatment strategy or strategy or subsequent treatment strategy for bone metastasis that include the following:

- PI or PS modifier AND
- PET or PET/ICT CPT code (78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816) AND
- ICD-9 cancer diagnosis code AND
- Q0 modifier – Investigational clinical service provided in a clinical research study, are present on the claim.

NOTE:
1. If modifier KX is present on the professional component service, Contractors shall process the service as $^{18}$F NaF PET rather than $^{18}$F FDG PET.
2. Contractors shall also return as unprocessable $^{18}$F NaF PET oncologic professional component claims (e.g., claims billed with modifiers 26 and KX).

10) What are the NDC numbers for $^{18}$F FDG, $^{18}$F NaF and $^{13}$N NH3?

The National Drug Code (NDC) is a unique 10-digit, 3-segment numeric identifier assigned to each medication listed under Section 510 of the US Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The segments identify the labeler or vendor, product (within the scope of the labeler), and trade package (of this product). The NDC number for sodium fluoride F 18 injection is 40028-512-30. The NDC number for fludeoxyglucose F 18 injection 30 ml vial is 40028-511-30. The NDC number for fludeoxyglucose F 18 injection 50 ml vial is 40028-511-50. The NDC number for ammonia N 13 injection is 40028-513-30. NDC listings may be found at the following Internet page: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ndc/packagecode.cfm

11) What codes are used for billing radiopharmaceuticals?

The chart below is taken from Medicare Claims Processing Manual revised July 2007:

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<td>$^{13}$N Ammonia,* diagnostic, per study dose</td>
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<td>A9580</td>
<td>$^{18}$F Sodium Fluoride, diagnostic, per study dose</td>
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*Indication and important safety information can be found on page 8 for ammonia N 13 ($^{13}$N NH3) injection, adult dose 10-20 mCi, administered by intravenous injection.

12) Who is responsible for determining and documenting medical necessity?

The referring physician is responsible for determining and documenting medical necessity. Documentation that qualifying conditions are met should be maintained by the referring physician in the beneficiary's medical record, as is normal business practice. Information may be needed from the referring physician to support insurer reimbursement for the procedure and ensure that certain conditions detailed in Medicare's National Coverage Determination for PET are met.

13) What is covered by Medicare for neurology with FDG?

PET's ability to measure cerebral metabolism and blood flow makes it valuable in certain neurological applications, such as refractory epilepsy.

**Refractory Seizures**

Since July 1, 2001, Medicare covers FDG PET for the presurgery evaluation for the purpose of localization of a focus of refractory seizure activity.

- 78608 – Brain imaging, PET, metabolic evaluation for presurgical evaluation of refractory seizure
- A9552 – Fluorodeoxyglucose F18, FDG, diagnostic, per study dose

**Brain Tumor**

Brain tumors are covered under the decision memorandum on PET for Solid Tumors (see FAQ 2).

- 78608 – Brain imaging, PET, metabolic evaluation for brain tumor
- A9552 – Fluorodeoxyglucose F18, FDG, diagnostic, per study dose
14) What is covered by Medicare for cardiology?

**Myocardial Viability with $^{18}$F FDG**

The information below is taken from Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual:

The identification of patients with partial loss of heart muscle movement or hibernating myocardium is important in selecting candidates with compromised ventricular function to determine appropriateness for revascularization. Diagnostic tests such as FDG PET distinguish between dysfunctional but viable myocardial tissue and scar tissue in order to affect management decisions in patients with ischemic cardiomyopathy and left ventricular dysfunction.

Medicare covers FDG PET for the determination of myocardial viability as a primary or initial diagnostic study prior to revascularization, or following an inconclusive SPECT.

Limitations: In the event a patient receives a SPECT test with inconclusive results, a PET scan may be covered. However, if a patient receives a FDG PET study with inconclusive results, a follow up SPECT test is not covered.

Documentation that these conditions are met should be maintained by the referring physician in the beneficiary’s medical record, as is normal business practice.

Medicare covers FDG PET to assess myocardial viability following an inconclusive SPECT or as a primary or initial diagnostic study prior to revascularization.

- 78459 – Myocardial imaging, PET, metabolic evaluation
- A9552 – $^{18}$F FDG, per dose

**Myocardial Perfusion Imaging with $^{82}$Rubidium**

The information below is taken from Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual:

Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2003, PET scans performed at rest or with pharmacological stress used for noninvasive imaging of the perfusion of the heart for the diagnosis and management of patients with known or suspected coronary artery disease using the FDA-approved radiopharmaceutical ammonia N-13 are covered, provided the requirements below are met:

- The PET scan, whether at rest alone, or rest with stress, is performed in place of, but not in addition to, a SPECT; or
- The PET scan, whether at rest alone or rest with stress, is used following a SPECT that was found to be inconclusive. In these cases, the PET scan must have been considered necessary in order to determine what medical or surgical intervention is required to treat the patient. (For purposes of this requirement, an inconclusive test is a test whose results are equivocal, technically uninterpretable, or discordant with a patient’s other clinical data and must be documented in the beneficiary’s file.)

Medicare covers PET exams to assess myocardial perfusion in place of, but not in addition to SPECT or following an inconclusive SPECT.

- 78491 – Myocardial imaging, PET, perfusion; single study at rest or stress
- 78492 – Myocardial imaging, PET, perfusion; multiple studies at rest or stress
- A9555 – $^{82}$Rubidium, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 60 millicuries
- A9526 – $^{18}$N Ammonia, diagnostic, per study dose, up to 40 millicuries
AMMONIA N 13 INJECTION

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Ammonia N 13 Injection is a radioactive diagnostic agent for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) indicated for diagnostic PET imaging of the myocardium under rest or pharmacologic stress conditions to evaluate myocardial perfusion in patients with suspected or existing coronary artery disease.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Ammonia N 13 Injection may increase the risk of cancer. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

No adverse reactions have been reported for Ammonia N 13 Injection based on a review of the published literature, publicly available reference sources, and adverse drug reaction reporting system.

Full Prescribing Information for Ammonia N 13 Injection can be found on page 24

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References:


14. Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual Chapter 1, Part 4 (Section 220.6.1 PET for Perfusion of the Heart (Various Effective Dates) (Rev. 120; Issued: 05-06-10; Effective Date: 04-03-09; Implementation Date: 10-30-09) http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_part4.pdf
HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection.

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection, USP
For intravenous use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2005

-------------------RECENT MAJOR CHANGES-------------------
Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2) 7/2010
Adverse Reactions (6) 7/2010

-------------------INDICATIONS AND USAGE-------------------
Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection is indicated for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging in the following settings:
• Oncology: For assessment of abnormal glucose metabolism to assist in the evaluation of malignancy in patients with known or suspected abnormalities found by other testing modalities, or in patients with an existing diagnosis of cancer.
• Cardiology: For the identification of left ventricular myocardium with residual glucose metabolism and reversible loss of systolic function in patients with coronary artery disease and left ventricular dysfunction, when used together with myocardial perfusion imaging.
• Neurology: For the identification of regions of abnormal glucose metabolism associated with foci of epileptic seizures (1).

-------------------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----------------
Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection emits radiation. Use procedures to minimize radiation exposure. Screen for blood glucose abnormalities.
• In the oncology and neurology settings, instruct patients to fast for 4 to 6 hours prior to the drug’s injection. Consider medical therapy and laboratory testing to assure at least two days of normoglycemia prior to the drug’s administration (5.2).
• In the cardiology setting, administration of glucose-containing food or liquids (e.g., 50 to 75 grams) prior to the drug’s injection facilitates localization of cardiac ischemia (2.3).
Aseptically withdraw Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection from its container and administer by intravenous injection (2).
The recommended dose:
• for adults is 5 to 10 mCi (185 to 370 MBq), in all indicated clinical settings (2.1).
• for pediatric patients is 2.6 mCi in the neurology setting (2.2). Initiate imaging within 40 minutes following drug injection; acquire static emission images 30 to 100 minutes from time of injection (2).

-------------------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-------------------
Multi-dose 30mL and 50mL glass vial containing 0.74 to 7.40 GBq/mL (20 to 200 mCi/mL) Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection and 4.5mg of sodium chloride with 0.1 to 0.5% w/w ethanol as a stabilizer (approximately 15 to 50 mL volume) for intravenous administration (3).

-------------------CONTRAINDICATIONS-------------------
None

-------------------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-------------------
• Radiation risks: use smallest dose necessary for imaging (5.1).
• Blood glucose abnormalities: may cause suboptimal imaging (5.2).

-------------------ADVERSE REACTIONS-------------------
Hypersensitivity reactions have occurred; have emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel immediately available (6).
To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact PETNET Solutions, Inc. at 877-473-8638 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

-------------------USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS-------------------
• Pregnancy Category C: No human or animal data. Consider alternative diagnostics; use only if clearly needed (8.1).
• Nursing mothers: Use alternatives to breast feeding (e.g., stored breast milk or infant formula) for at least 10 half-lives of radioactive decay, if Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is administered to a woman who is breast-feeding (8.3).
• Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established in the oncology and cardiology settings (8.4).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Revised: 1/2011
1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Oncology
Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection is indicated for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging in the following settings:

- For assessment of abnormal glucose metabolism to assist in the evaluation of malignancy in patients with known or suspected abnormalities found by other testing modalities, or in patients with an existing diagnosis of cancer.

1.2 Cardiology
For the identification of left ventricular myocardium with residual glucose metabolism and reversible loss of systolic function in patients with coronary artery disease and left ventricular dysfunction, when used together with myocardial perfusion imaging.

1.3 Neurology
For the identification of regions of abnormal glucose metabolism associated with foci of epileptic seizures.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection emits radiation. Use procedures to minimize radiation exposure. Calculate the final dose from the end of synthesis (EOS) time using proper radioactive decay factors. Assay the final dose in a properly calibrated dose calibrator before administration to the patient [see Description (11.2)].

2.1 Recommended Dose for Adults
Within the oncology, cardiology and neurology settings, the recommended dose for adults is 5 to 10 mCi (185 to 370 MBq) as an intravenous injection.

2.2 Recommended Dose for Pediatric Patients
Within the neurology setting, the recommended dose for pediatric patients is 2.6 mCi, as an intravenous injection. The optimal dose adjustment on the basis of body size or weight has not been determined [see Use in Special Populations (8.4)].

2.3 Patient Preparation
- To minimize the radiation absorbed dose to the bladder, encourage adequate hydration. Encourage the patient to drink water or other fluids (as tolerated) in the 4 hours before their PET study.
- Encourage the patient to void as soon as the imaging study is completed and as often as possible thereafter for at least one hour.
- Screen patients for clinically significant blood glucose abnormalities by obtaining a history and/or laboratory tests [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]. Prior to Fludeoxyglucose F 18 PET imaging in the oncology and neurology settings, instruct patient to fast for 4 to 6 hours prior to the drug’s injection.
- In the cardiology setting, administration of glucose-containing food or liquids (e.g., 50 to 75 grams) prior to Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection facilitates localization of cardiac ischemia.
2.4 Radiation Dosimetry

The estimated human absorbed radiation doses (rem/mCi) to a newborn (3.4 kg), 1-year old (9.8 kg), 5-year old (19 kg), 10-year old (32 kg), 15-year old (57 kg), and adult (70 kg) from intravenous administration of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection are shown in Table 1. These estimates were calculated based on human data and using the data published by the International Commission on Radiological Protection for Fludeoxyglucose 18F. The dosimetry data show that there are slight variations in absorbed radiation dose for various organs in each of the age groups. These dissimilarities in absorbed radiation dose are due to developmental age variations (e.g., organ size, location, and overall metabolic rate for each age group). The identified critical organs (in descending order) across all age groups evaluated are the urinary bladder, heart, pancreas, spleen, and lungs.

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a MIRDOSE 2 software was used to calculate the radiation absorbed dose. Assumptions on the biodistribution based on data from Gallagher et al.1 and Jones et al.2

b The dynamic bladder model with a uniform voiding frequency of 1.5 hours was used. *LLI = lower large intestine; **ULI = upper large intestine
2.5 Radiation Safety – Drug Handling
• Use waterproof gloves, effective radiation shielding, and appropriate safety measures when handling Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection to avoid unnecessary radiation exposure to the patient, occupational workers, clinical personnel and other persons.
• Radiopharmaceuticals should be used by or under the control of physicians who are qualified by specific training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides, and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate governmental agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.
• Calculate the final dose from the end of synthesis (EOS) time using proper radioactive decay factors. Assay the final dose in a properly calibrated dose calibrator before administration to the patient [see Description (11.2)].
• The dose of Fludeoxyglucose F18 used in a given patient should be minimized consistent with the objectives of the procedure, and the nature of the radiation detection devices employed.

2.6 Drug Preparation and Administration
• Calculate the necessary volume to administer based on calibration time and dose.
• Aseptically withdraw Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection from its container.
• Inspect Fludeoxyglucose F18 Injection visually for particulate matter and discoloration before administration, whenever solution and container permit.
• Do not administer the drug if it contains particulate matter or discoloration; dispose of these unacceptable or unused preparations in a safe manner, in compliance with applicable regulations.
• Use Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection within 12 hours from the EOS.

2.7 Imaging Guidelines
• Initiate imaging within 40 minutes following Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection administration.
• Acquire static emission images 30 to 100 minutes from the time of injection.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
Multiple-dose 30mL and 50mL glass vial containing 0.74 to 7.40 GBq/mL (20 to 200 mCi/mL) of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection and 4.5 mg of sodium chloride with 0.1 to 0.5% w/w ethanol as a stabilizer (approximately 15 to 50 mL volume) for intravenous administration.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS
None

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Radiation Risks
Radiation-emitting products, including Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection, may increase the risk for cancer, especially in pediatric patients. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker [see Dosage and Administration (2.5)].

5.2 Blood Glucose Abnormalities
In the oncology and neurology setting, suboptimal imaging may occur in patients with inadequately regulated blood glucose levels. In these patients, consider medical therapy and laboratory testing to assure at least two days of normoglycemia prior to Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection administration.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS
Hypersensitivity reactions with pruritus, edema and rash have been reported in the post-marketing setting. Have emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel immediately available.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS
The possibility of interactions of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection with other drugs taken by patients undergoing PET imaging has not been studied.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
8.1 Pregnancy
Pregnancy Category C
Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection. It is also not known whether Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Consider alternative diagnostic tests in a pregnant woman; administer Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection only if clearly needed.

8.3 Nursing Mothers
It is not known whether Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is excreted in human milk. Consider alternative diagnostic tests in women who are breast-feeding. Use alternatives to breast feeding (e.g., stored breast milk or infant formula) for at least 10 half-lives of radioactive decay, if Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is administered to a woman who is breast-feeding.

8.4 Pediatric Use
The safety and effectiveness of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection in pediatric patients with epilepsy is established on the basis of studies in adult and pediatric patients. In pediatric patients with epilepsy, the recommended dose is 2.6 mCi. The optimal dose adjustment on the basis of body size or weight has not been determined. In the oncology or cardiology settings, the safety and effectiveness of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection have not been established in pediatric patients.
11 DESCRIPTION

11.1 Chemical Characteristics

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is a positron emitting radiopharmaceutical that is used for diagnostic purposes in conjunction with positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. The active ingredient 2-deoxy-2-[18F]fluoro-D-glucose has the molecular formula of C6H1118FO5 with a molecular weight of 181.26, and has the following chemical structure:

![Chemical Structure of Fludeoxyglucose F 18](image)

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is provided as a ready to use sterile, pyrogen free, clear, colorless solution. Each mL contains between 0.740 to 7.40GBq (20.0 to 200 mCi) of 2-deoxy-2-[18F]fluoro-D-glucose at the EOS, 4.5 mg of sodium chloride and 0.1 to 0.5% w/w ethanol as a stabilizer. The pH of the solution is between 4.5 and 7.5. The solution is packaged in a multiple-dose glass vial and does not contain any preservative.

11.2 Physical Characteristics

Fluorine F 18 decays by emitting positron to Oxygen O 16 (stable) and has a physical half-life of 109.7 minutes. The principal photons useful for imaging are the dual 511 keV gamma photons, that are produced and emitted simultaneously in opposite direction when the positron interacts with an electron (Table 2).

![Table 2. Principal Radiation Emission Data for Fluorine F 18](image)

For use in correcting for physical decay of this radionuclide, the fractions remaining at selected intervals after calibration are shown in Table 4.

![Table 4. Physical Decay Chart for Fluorine F 18](image)

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 is a glucose analog that concentrates in cells that rely upon glucose as an energy source, or in cells whose dependence on glucose increases under pathophysiological conditions. Fludeoxyglucose F 18 is transported through the cell membrane by facilitative glucose transporter proteins and is phosphorylated within the cell to [18F] FDG-6-phosphate by the enzyme hexokinase. Once phosphorylated it cannot exit until it is dephosphorylated by glucose-6-phosphatase. Therefore, within a given tissue or pathophysiological process, the retention and clearance of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 reflect a balance involving glucose transporter, hexokinase and glucose-6-phosphatase activities. When allowance is made for the kinetic differences between glucose and Fludeoxyglucose F 18 transport and phosphorylation (expressed as the “lumped constant” ratio), Fludeoxyglucose F 18 is used to assess glucose metabolism.

In comparison to background activity of the specific organ or tissue type, regions of decreased or absent uptake of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 reflect the decrease or absence of glucose metabolism. Regions of increased uptake of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 reflect greater than normal rates of glucose metabolism.
12.2 Pharmacodynamics
Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is rapidly distributed to all organs of the body after intravenous administration. After background clearance of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection, optimal PET imaging is generally achieved between 30 to 40 minutes after administration.

In cancer, the cells are generally characterized by enhanced glucose metabolism partially due to (1) an increase in activity of glucose transporters, (2) an increased rate of phosphorylation activity, (3) a reduction of phosphatase activity or, (4) a dynamic alteration in the balance among all these processes. However, glucose metabolism of cancer as reflected by Fludeoxyglucose F 18 accumulation shows considerable variability. Depending on tumor type, stage, and location, Fludeoxyglucose F 18 accumulation may be increased, normal, or decreased. Also, inflammatory cells can have the same variability of uptake of Fludeoxyglucose F 18.

In the heart, under normal aerobic conditions, the myocardium meets the bulk of its energy requirements by oxidizing free fatty acids. Most of the exogenous glucose taken up by the myocyte is converted into glycogen. However, under ischemic conditions, the oxidation of free fatty acids decreases, exogenous glucose becomes the preferred myocardial substrate, glycolysis is stimulated, and glucose taken up by the myocyte is metabolized immediately instead of being converted into glycogen. Under these conditions, phosphorylated Fludeoxyglucose F 18 accumulates in the myocyte and can be detected with PET imaging.

In the brain, cells normally rely on aerobic metabolism. In epilepsy, the glucose metabolism varies. Generally, during a seizure, glucose metabolism increases. Interictally, the seizure focus tends to be hypometabolic.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics
Distribution: In four healthy male volunteers, receiving an intravenous administration of 30 seconds in duration, the arterial blood level profile for Fludeoxyglucose F 18 decayed triexponentially. The effective half-life ranges of the three phases were 0.2 to 0.3 minutes, 10 to 13 minutes with a mean and standard deviation (STD) of 11.6 (±) 1.1 min, and 80 to 95 minutes with a mean and STD of 88 (±) 4 min.

Plasma protein binding of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 has not been studied.

Metabolism: Fludeoxyglucose F 18 is transported into cells and phosphorylated to [18F]FDG-6-phosphate at a rate proportional to the rate of glucose utilization within that tissue. [F 18]FDG-6-phosphate presumably is metabolized to 2-deoxy-2-[F 18]fluoro-6-phospho-D-mannose ([F 18]FDM-6-phosphate).

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection may contain several impurities (e.g., 2-deoxy-2-chloro-D-glucose (CIDG)). Biodistribution and metabolism of CIDG are presumed to be similar to Fludeoxyglucose F 18 and would be expected to result in intracellular formation of 2-deoxy-2-chloro-6-phospho-D-glucose (CIDG-6-phosphate) and 2-deoxy-2-chloro-6-phospho-D-mannose (CIDM-6-phosphate). The phosphorylated deoxyglucose compounds are dephosphorylated and the resulting compounds (FDG, FDM, CIDG, and CIDM) presumably leave cells by passive diffusion. Fludeoxyglucose F 18 and related compounds are cleared from non-cardiac tissues within 3 to 24 hours after administration. Clearance from the cardiac tissue may require more than 96 hours. Fludeoxyglucose F 18 that is not involved in glucose metabolism in any tissue is then excreted in the urine.

Elimination: Fludeoxyglucose F 18 is cleared from most tissues within 24 hours and can be eliminated from the body unchanged in the urine. Three elimination phases have been identified in the reviewed literature. Within 33 minutes, a mean of 3.9% of the administered radioactive dose was measured in the urine. The amount of radiation exposure of the urinary bladder at two hours post-administration suggests that 20.6% (mean) of the radioactive dose was present in the bladder.

Special Populations: The pharmacokinetics of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection have not been studied in renally-impaired, hepatically impaired or pediatric patients. Fludeoxyglucose F 18 is eliminated through the renal system. Avoid excessive radiation exposure to this organ system and adjacent tissues.

The effects of fasting, varying blood sugar levels, conditions of glucose intolerance, and diabetes mellitus on Fludeoxyglucose F 18 distribution in humans have not been ascertained [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
Animal studies have not been performed to evaluate the Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection carcinogenic potential, mutagenic potential or effects on fertility.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES
14.1 Oncology
The efficacy of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection in positron emission tomography cancer imaging was demonstrated in 16 independent studies. These studies prospectively evaluated the use of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 in patients with suspected or known malignancies, including non-small cell lung cancer, colo-rectal, pancreatic, breast, thyroid, melanoma, Hodgkin’s and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, and various types of metastatic cancers to lung, liver, bone, and axillary nodes. All these studies had at least 50 patients and used pathology as a standard of truth. The Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection doses in the studies ranged from 200 MBq to 740 MBq with a median and mean dose of 370 MBq.
In the studies, the diagnostic performance of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection varied with the type of cancer, size of cancer, and other clinical conditions. False-negative and false-positive scans were observed. Negative Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection PET scans do not exclude the diagnosis of cancer. Positive Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection PET scans can replace pathology to establish a diagnosis of cancer. Non-malignant conditions such as fungal infections, inflammatory processes, and benign tumors have patterns of increased glucose metabolism that may give rise to false-positive scans. The efficacy of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection PET imaging in cancer screening was not studied.

### 14.2 Cardiology

The efficacy of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection for cardiac use was demonstrated in ten independent, prospective studies of patients with coronary artery disease and chronic left ventricular systolic dysfunction who were scheduled to undergo coronary revascularization. Before revascularization, patients underwent PET imaging with Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection (74 to 370 MBq, 2 to 10 mCi) and perfusion imaging with other diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals. Doses of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection ranged from 74 to 370 MBq (2 to 10 mCi). Segmental, left ventricular, wall-motion assessments of asynergic areas made before revascularization were compared in a blinded manner to assessments made after successful revascularization to identify myocardial segments with functional recovery.

Left ventricular myocardial segments were predicted to have reversible loss of systolic function if they showed Fludeoxyglucose F 18 accumulation and reduced perfusion (i.e., flow-metabolism mismatch). Conversely, myocardial segments were predicted to have irreversible loss of systolic function if they showed reductions in both Fludeoxyglucose F 18 accumulation and perfusion (i.e., matched defects).

Findings of flow-metabolism mismatch in a myocardial segment may suggest that successful revascularization will restore myocardial function in that segment. However, false-positive tests occur regularly, and the decision to have a patient undergo revascularization should not be based on PET findings alone. Similarly, findings of a matched defect in a myocardial segment may suggest that myocardial function will not recover in that segment, even if it is successfully revascularized. However, false-negative tests occur regularly, and the decision to recommend against coronary revascularization, or to recommend a cardiac transplant, should not be based on PET findings alone. The reversibility of segmental dysfunction as predicted with Fludeoxyglucose F 18 PET imaging depends on successful coronary revascularization. Therefore, in patients with a low likelihood of successful revascularization, the diagnostic usefulness of PET imaging with Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is more limited.

### 14.3 Neurology

In a prospective, open label trial, Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection was evaluated in 86 patients with epilepsy. Each patient received a dose of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection in the range of 185 to 370 MBq (5 to 10 mCi). The mean age was 16.4 years (range: 4 months to 58 years; of these, 42 patients were less than 12 years and 16 patients were less than 2 years old). Patients had a known diagnosis of complex partial epilepsy and were under evaluation for surgical treatment of their seizure disorder. Seizure foci had been previously identified on ictal EEGs and sphenoidal EEGs. Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection PET imaging confirmed previous diagnostic findings in 16% (14/87) of the patients; in 34% (30/87) of the patients, Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection PET imaging provided new findings. In 32% (27/87), imaging with Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection was inconclusive. The impact of these imaging findings on clinical outcomes is not known.

Several other studies comparing imaging with Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection results to subependymal EEG, MRI and/or surgical findings supported the concept that the degree of hypometabolism corresponds to areas of confirmed epileptogenic foci. The safety and effectiveness of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection to distinguish idiopathic epileptogenic foci from tumors or other brain lesions that may cause seizures have not been established.

## 15 REFERENCES

4. ICRP Publication 53, Volume 18, No. 1-4, 1987, pages 75-76.
HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND DRUG HANDLING

Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection is supplied in a multi-dose, capped 30 mL and 50 mL glass vial containing between 0.740 to 7.40 GBq/mL (20 to 200 mCi/mL), of no carrier added 2-deoxy-2-[F 18] fluoro-D-glucose, at end of synthesis, in approximately 15 to 50 mL. The contents of each vial are sterile, pyrogen-free and preservative-free.

NDC 40028-511-30; 40028-511-50

Receipt, transfer, handling, possession, or use of this product is subject to the radioactive material regulations and licensing requirements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement States or Licensing States as appropriate.

Store the Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection vial upright in a lead shielded container at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F).

Store and dispose of Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection in accordance with the regulations and a general license, or its equivalent, of an Agreement State or a Licensing State.

The expiration date and time are provided on the container label. Use Fludeoxyglucose F 18 Injection within 12 hours from the EOS time.

PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Instruct patients in procedures that increase renal clearance of radioactivity. Encourage patients to:

• drink water or other fluids (as tolerated) in the 4 hours before their PET study.
• void as soon as the imaging study is completed and as often as possible thereafter for at least one hour.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection.

SODIUM FLUORIDE F 18 INJECTION

For Intravenous Use
Initial U.S. Approval: January 2011

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is a radioactive diagnostic agent for positron emission tomography (PET) indicated for imaging of bone to define areas of altered osteogenic activity (1).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

• Sodium Fluoride F18 Injection emits radiation and must be handled with appropriate safety measures (2.1).
• Administer 300-450 MBq (8–12 mCi) as an intravenous injection in adults (2.4).
• Administer approximately 2.1 MBq/kg in children with a minimum of 19 MBq (0.5 mCi) and a maximum of 148 MBq (4 mCi) as an intravenous injection (2.5).
• Imaging can begin 1–2 hours after administration; optimally at one hour post administration (2.7).
• Encourage patients to void immediately prior to imaging the lumbar spine and bony pelvis (2.7).

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Multiple-dose vial containing 370–7,400 MBq/mL (10–200 mCi/mL) of no-carrier-added sodium fluoride F18 at the end of synthesis (EOS) reference time in aqueous 0.9% sodium chloride solution (3). Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is a clear, colorless, sterile, pyrogen-free and preservative-free solution for intravenous administration.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None (4).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

• Allergic Reactions: As with any injectable drug product, allergic reactions and anaphylaxis may occur. Emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel should be immediately available (5.1).
• Cancer Risk: Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection may increase the risk of cancer. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker (5.2).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

No adverse reactions have been reported for Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection based on a review of the published literature, publicly available reference sources, and adverse drug reaction reporting systems (6).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact NCI/DCTD/CIP at 1-301-496-9531 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

• Pregnancy: No human or animal data. Any radiopharmaceutical, including Sodium Fluoride F18 injection, may cause fetal harm. Use only if clearly needed (8.1)
• Nursing: A decision should be made whether to interrupt nursing after Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection administration or not to administer Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection taking into consideration the importance of the drug to the mother. (8.3)
• Pediatrics: Children are more sensitive to radiation and may be at higher risk of cancer from Sodium Fluoride F18 injection (8.4).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION
FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS*

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is indicated for diagnostic positron emission tomography (PET) imaging of bone to define areas of altered osteogenic activity.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
2.1 Radiation Safety – Drug Handling
• Wear waterproof gloves and effective shielding when handling Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection. Use appropriate safety measures, including shielding, consistent with proper patient management to avoid unnecessary radiation exposure to the patient, occupational workers, clinical personnel, and other persons.
• Radiopharmaceuticals should be used by or under the control of physicians who are qualified by specific training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides, and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate governmental agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.
• Use aseptic technique to maintain sterility during all operations involved in the manipulation and administration of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection.
• The dose of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection should be minimized consistent with the objectives of the procedure, and the nature of the radiation detection devices employed.
• The final dose for the patient should be calculated using proper decay factors from the time of End of Synthesis (EOS), and measured by a suitable radioactivity calibration system before administration [see Description (11.2)].

2.2 Radiation Safety – Patient Preparation
• To minimize the radiation-absorbed dose to the bladder, encourage adequate hydration. Encourage the patient to ingest at least 500 mL of fluid immediately prior and subsequent to the administration of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection.
• Encourage the patient to void one-half hour after administration of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection and as frequently thereafter as possible for the next 12 hours.

2.3 Drug Preparation and Administration
• Calculate the necessary volume to administer based on calibration time and dose.
• Inspect Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection visually for particulate matter and discoloration before administration, whenever solution and container permit.
• Do not administer Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection containing particulate matter or discoloration; dispose of these unacceptable or unused preparations in a safe manner, in compliance with applicable regulations.
• Aseptically withdraw Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection from its container.

2.4 Recommended Dose for Adults
• Administer 300–450 MBq (8–12 mCi) as an intravenous injection.

2.5 Recommended Dose for Pediatric Patients
In reported clinical experience in approximately 100 children, weight based doses (2.1 MBq/kg) ranging from 19 MBq–148 MBq (0.5 mCi–4 mCi) were used.

11 DESCRIPTION
11.1 Chemical Characteristics
11.2 Physical Characteristics

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
12.1 Mechanism of Action
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13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
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14 CLINICAL STUDIES
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14.2 Other Bone Disorders

15 REFERENCES

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION
17.1 Pre-study Hydration
17.2 Post-study Voiding

*Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed
2.6 Radiation Dosimetry

The age/weight-based estimated absorbed radiation doses (mGy/MBq) from intravenous injection of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection are shown in Table 1. These estimates were calculated based on human data and using the data published by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [1] and the International Commission on Radiological Protection for Sodium Fluoride Injection [2]. The bone, bone marrow and urinary bladder are considered target and critical organs.

2.7 Imaging Guidelines

- Imaging of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection can begin 1–2 hours after administration; optimally at 1 hour post administration.
- Encourage the patient to void immediately prior to imaging the fluoride F18 radioactivity in the lumbar spine or bony pelvis.

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2 Data from ICRP publication 53, *Radiation Dose to Patients from Radiopharmaceuticals*, Ann ICRP, Volume 18, pages 15 and 74, 1987
3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
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4 CONTRAINDICATIONS
None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
5.1 Allergic Reactions
As with any injectable drug product, allergic reactions and anaphylaxis may occur. Emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel should be immediately available.

5.2 Radiation Risks
Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection may increase the risk of cancer. Carcinogenic and mutagenic studies with Sodium Fluoride F 18 injection have not been performed. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker [see Dosage and Administration (2.1)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS
No adverse reactions have been reported for Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection based on a review of the published literature, publicly available reference sources, and adverse drug reaction reporting systems. However, the completeness of these sources is not known.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS
The possibility of interactions of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection with other drugs taken by patients undergoing PET imaging has not been studied.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
8.1 Pregnancy Pregnancy Category C
Any radiopharmaceutical including Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection has a potential to cause fetal harm. The likelihood of fetal harm depends on the stage of fetal development, and the radionuclide dose. Animal reproductive and developmental toxicity studies have not been conducted with Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection. Prior to the administration of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection to women of childbearing potential, assess for presence of pregnancy. Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

8.3 Nursing Mothers
It is not known whether Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is excreted into human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants, a decision should be made whether to interrupt nursing after administration of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection or not to administer Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. The body of scientific information related to radioactivity decay, drug tissue distribution and drug elimination shows that less than 0.01% of the radioactivity administered remains in the body after 24 hours (10 half-lives). To minimize the risks to a nursing infant, interrupt nursing for at least 24 hours.

8.4 Pediatric Use
In reported clinical experience in approximately 100 children, weight based doses (2.1 MBq/kg) ranging from 19 MBq–148 MBq (0.5 mCi – 4 mCi) were used. Sodium Fluoride F18 was shown to localize to areas of bone turnover including rapidly growing epiphyses in developing long bones. Children are more sensitive to radiation and may be at higher risk of cancer from Sodium Fluoride F18 injection.

11 DESCRIPTION
11.1 Chemical Characteristics
Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is a positron emitting radiopharmaceutical, containing no-carrier-added, radioactive fluoride F18 that is used for diagnostic purposes in conjunction with PET imaging. It is administered by intravenous injection. The active ingredient, sodium fluoride F18, has the molecular formula Na[18F] with a molecular weight of 40.99, and has the following chemical structure: Na + 18F
Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is provided as a ready-to-use, isotonic, sterile, pyrogen-free, preservative-free, clear and colorless solution. Each mL of the solution contains between 370 MBq to 7,400 MBq (10 mCi to 200 mCi) sodium fluoride F18, at the EOS reference time, in 0.9% aqueous sodium chloride. The pH of the solution is between 4.5 and 8. The solution is presented in 30 mL multiple-dose glass vials with variable total volume and total radioactivity in each vial.

11.2 Physical Characteristics
Fluoride F 18 decays by positron (β+) emission and has a half-life of 109.7 minutes. Ninety-seven percent of the decay results in emission of a positron with a maximum energy of 633 keV and 3% of the decay results in electron capture with subsequent emission of characteristic X-rays of oxygen. The principal photons useful for diagnostic imaging are the 511 keV gamma photons, resulting from the interaction of the emitted positron with an electron (Table 2). Fluorine F18 atom decays to stable 18O-oxygen.

Table 2: Principal Emission Data for Fluoride F18

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<tr>
<th>Radiation/Emission</th>
<th>% per Disintegration</th>
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<tr>
<td>Positron (β+)</td>
<td>96.73</td>
<td>249.8 keV</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gamma (γ)*</td>
<td>193.46</td>
<td>511.0 keV</td>
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</table>

*Produced by positron annihilation

The specific gamma ray constant for fluoride F18 is 5.7 R/hr/mCi (1.35 x 10-6 Gy/hr/kBq) at 1 cm. The half-value layer (HVL) for the 511 keV photons is 4.1 mm lead (Pb). A range of values for the attenuation of radiation results from the interposition of various thickness of Pb. The range of attenuation coefficients for this radionuclide is shown in Table 3. For example, the interposition of an 8.3 mm thickness of Pb with a coefficient of attenuation of 0.25 will decrease the external radiation by 75%.

### Table 3: Radiation Attenuation of 511 keV Photons by Lead (Pb) Shielding Fluoride F18

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<th>Shield Thickness (Pb) mm</th>
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Table 4 lists the fraction of radioactivity remaining at selected time intervals for the calibration time. This information may be used to correct for physical decay of the radionuclide.

### Table 4: Physical Decay Chart for Fluoride F18

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<th>Time Since Calibration</th>
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* Calibration time

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action
Fluoride F18 ion normally accumulates in the skeleton in an even fashion, with greater deposition in the axial skeleton (e.g. vertebrae and pelvis) than in the appendicular skeleton and greater deposition in the bones around joints than in the shafts of long bones.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics
Increased fluoride F18 ion deposition in bone can occur in areas of increased osteogenic activity during growth, infection, malignancy (primary or metastatic) following trauma, or inflammation of bone.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics
After intravenous administration, fluoride F18 ion is rapidly cleared from the plasma in a biexponential manner. The first phase has a half-life of 0.4 h, and the second phase has a half-life of 2.6 h. Essentially all the fluoride F18 that is delivered to bone by the blood is retained in the bone. One hour after administration of fluoride, F18 only about 10% of the injected dose remains in the blood. Fluoride F18 diffuses through capillaries into bone extracellular fluid space, where it becomes bound by chemisorption at the surface of bone crystals, preferentially at sites of newly mineralizing bone. Deposition of fluoride F18 in bone appears to be primarily a function of blood flow to the bone and the efficiency of the bone in extracting the fluoride F18. Fluoride F18 does not appear to be bound to serum proteins. In patients with normal renal function, 20% or more of the fluorine ion is cleared from the body in the urine within the first 2 hours after intravenous administration.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
Studies to assess reproductive toxicity, mutagenesis and carcinogenesis potential of Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection have not been performed.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Metastatic Bone Disease
The doses used in reported studies ranged from 2.7 mCi to 20 mCi (100 MBq to 740 MBq), with an average median dose of 10 mCi (370 MBq) and an average mean dose of 9.2 mCi (340 MBq). In PET imaging of bone metastases with Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection, focally increased tracer uptake is seen in both osteolytic and osteoblastic bone lesions. Negative PET imaging results with Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection do not preclude the diagnosis of bone metastases. Also, as benign bone lesions are also detected by Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection, positive PET imaging results cannot replace biopsy to confirm a diagnosis of cancer.

14.2 Other Bone Disorders
The doses used in reported studies ranged from 2.43 mCi to 15 mCi (90 MBq to 555 MBq), with an average median dose of 8.0 mCi (300 MBq) and an average mean dose of 7.6 mCi (280 MBq).

15 REFERENCES

2. Radiation Dose to Patients from Radiopharmaceuticals, ICRP publication 53, Ann ICRP, 18 pages 15 and 74, 1987
16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection is supplied in a multiple-dose Type I glass vial with elastomeric stopper and aluminum crimp seal containing between 370 and 7,400 MBq/mL (10–200 mCi/mL) of no carrier-added sodium fluoride F18, at the EOS reference time, in aqueous 0.9% sodium chloride solution. The total volume and total radioactivity per vial are variable. Each vial is enclosed in a shielded container of appropriate thickness. The product is available in a 30 mL vial configuration with a variable fill volume. The NDC number is: 40028-512-30 (30 mL)

Storage
Store at 25°C (77°F) in a shielded container; excursions permitted to 15–30°C (59–86°F). Use the solution within 12 hours of the EOS reference time.

Handling
Receipt, transfer, handling, possession, or use of this product is subject to the radioactive material regulations and licensing requirements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement States or Licensing States as appropriate.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

17.1 Pre-study Hydration
Encourage patients to drink at least 500 mL of water prior to drug administration.

17.2 Post-study Voiding
To help protect themselves and others in their environment, patients should take the following precautions for 12 hours after injection: whenever possible, use a toilet and flush several times after each use; wash hands thoroughly after each voiding or fecal elimination. If blood, urine or feces soil clothing, wash the clothing separately.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use Ammonia N 13 Injection safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for Ammonia N 13 Injection. Ammonia N 13 Injection for intravenous use Initial U.S. Approval: 2007

INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Ammonia N 13 Injection is a radioactive diagnostic agent for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) indicated for diagnostic PET imaging of the myocardium under rest or pharmacologic stress conditions to evaluate myocardial perfusion in patients with suspected or existing coronary artery disease (1).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Rest Imaging Study (2.1):
- Aseptically withdraw Ammonia N 13 Injection from its container and administer 10-20 mCi (0.368 – 0.736 GBq) as a bolus through a catheter inserted into a large peripheral vein.
- Start imaging 3 minutes after the injection and acquire images for a total of 10-20 minutes.

Stress Imaging Study (2.2):
- If a rest imaging study is performed, begin the stress imaging study 40 minutes or more after the first Ammonia N13 injection to allow sufficient isotope decay.
- Administer a pharmacologic stress-inducing drug in accordance with its labeling.
- Aseptically withdraw Ammonia N 13 Injection from its container and administer 10-20 mCi (0.368 – 0.736 GBq) of Ammonia N 13 Injection as a bolus at 8 minutes after the administration of the pharmacologic stress-inducing drug.
- Start imaging 3 minutes after the Ammonia N 13 Injection and acquire images for a total of 10-20 minutes.

Patient Preparation (2.3):
- To increase renal clearance of radioactivity and to minimize radiation dose to the bladder, hydrate the patient before the procedure and encourage voiding as soon as each image acquisition is completed and as often as possible thereafter for at least one hour.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
Glass vial containing 0.138-1.387 GBq (3.75-37.5 mCi/mL) of Ammonia N 13 Injection in aqueous 0.9 % sodium chloride solution (The total volume in the vial will vary) (3).

CONTRAINDICATIONS
None (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
Ammonia N 13 Injection may increase the risk of cancer. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker (5).

ADVERSE REACTIONS
No adverse reactions have been reported for Ammonia N 13 Injection based on a review of the published literature, publicly available reference sources, and adverse drug reaction reporting system (6).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact PETNET Solutions, Inc. at 877-473-8638 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.
USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Alternatives to breastfeeding (e.g. using stored breast milk or infant formula) should be used for 2 hours (>10 half-lives of radioactive decay for N 13 isotope) after administration of Ammonia N 13 Injection (8.3).

- The safety and effectiveness of Ammonia N 13 Injection has been established in pediatric patients (8.4).

See 17 for Patient Counseling Information, Patient Counseling Information, Patient Counseling Information, and Patient Counseling Information

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1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Ammonia N 13 Injection is indicated for diagnostic Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging of the myocardium under rest or pharmacologic stress conditions to evaluate myocardial perfusion in patients with suspected or existing coronary artery disease.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Rest Imaging Study
- Aseptically withdraw Ammonia N 13 Injection from its container and administer 10-20 mCi (0.368 – 0.736 GBq) as a bolus through a catheter inserted into a large peripheral vein.
- Start imaging 3 minutes after the injection and acquire images for a total of 10-20 minutes.

2.2 Stress Imaging Study
- If a rest imaging study is performed, begin the stress imaging study 40 minutes or more after the first Ammonia N 13 injection to allow sufficient isotope decay.
- Administer a pharmacologic stress-inducing drug in accordance with its labeling.
- Aseptically withdraw Ammonia N 13 Injection from its container and administer 10-20 mCi (0.368 – 0.736 GBq) of Ammonia N 13 Injection as a bolus at 8 minutes after the administration of the pharmacologic stress-inducing drug.
- Start imaging 3 minutes after the Ammonia N 13 Injection and acquire images for a total of 10-20 minutes.

2.3 Patient Preparation
To increase renal clearance of radioactivity and to minimize radiation dose to the bladder, ensure that the patient is well hydrated before the procedure and encourage voiding as soon as a study is completed and as often as possible thereafter for at least one hour.

2.4 Radiation Dosimetry
The converted radiation absorbed doses in rem/mCi are shown in Table 1. These estimates are calculated from the Task Group of Committee 2 of the International Commission on Radiation Protection.1

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Red marrow 0.0063 0.0078 0.012 0.020 0.037
Spleen 0.0093 0.011 0.019 0.030 0.056
Testes 0.0067 0.0070 0.011 0.018 0.035
Thyroid 0.0063 0.0081 0.013 0.021 0.041
Uterus 0.0070 0.0089 0.014 0.023 0.041
Other tissues 0.0059 0.0070 0.011 0.018 0.035

*Upper large intestine, **Lower large intestine

2.5 Drug Handling

- Inspect Ammonia N 13 Injection visually for particulate matter and discoloration before administration, whenever solution and container permit.
- Do not administer Ammonia N 13 Injection containing particulate matter or discoloration; dispose of these unacceptable or unused preparations in a safe manner, in compliance with applicable regulations.
- Wear waterproof gloves and effective shielding when handling Ammonia N 13 Injection.
- Use aseptic technique to maintain sterility during all operations involved in the manipulation and administration of Ammonia N 13 Injection. The contents of each vial are sterile and non-pyrogenic.
- Use appropriate safety measures, including shielding, consistent with proper patient management to avoid unnecessary radiation exposure to the patient, occupational workers, clinical personnel, and other persons.
- Radiopharmaceuticals should be used by or under the control of physicians who are qualified by specific training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides, and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate governmental agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.
- Before administration of Ammonia N 13 Injection, assay the dose in a properly calibrated dose calibrator.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Glass vial (30 mL) containing 0.138-1.387 GBq (3.75-37.5 mCi/mL) of Ammonia N 13 Injection in aqueous 0.9 % sodium chloride solution (the total volume in the vial will vary) that is suitable for intravenous administration.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Radiation Risks

Ammonia N 13 Injection may increase the risk of cancer. Use the smallest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker. [see Dosage and Administration (2.4)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

No adverse reactions have been reported for Ammonia N 13 Injection based on a review of the published literature, publicly available reference sources, and adverse drug reaction reporting systems. However, the completeness of these sources is not known.
7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

The possibility of interactions of Ammonia N 13 Injection with other drugs taken by patients undergoing PET imaging has not been studied.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Category C

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Ammonia N 13 Injection. It is also not known whether Ammonia N 13 Injection can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Ammonia N 13 Injection should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

8.3 Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for radiation exposure to nursing infants from Ammonia N 13 Injection, use alternative infant nutrition sources (e.g. stored breast milk or infant formula) for 2 hours (>10 half-lives of radioactive decay for N 13 isotope) after administration of the drug or avoid use of the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of Ammonia N 13 Injection has been established in pediatric patients based on known metabolism of ammonia, radiation dosimetry in the pediatric population, and clinical studies in adults. [see Dosage and Administration (2.4)].

11 DESCRIPTION

11.1 Chemical Characteristics

Ammonia N 13 Injection is a positron emitting radiopharmaceutical that is used for diagnostic purposes in conjunction with positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. The active ingredient, [13N] ammonia, has the molecular formula of 13NH3 with a molecular weight of 16.02, and has the following chemical structure:

Ammonia N 13 Injection is provided as a ready to use sterile, pyrogen-free, clear and colorless solution. Each mL of the solution contains between 0.138 GBq to 1.387 GBq (3.75 mCi to 37.5 mCi) of [13N] ammonia, at the end of synthesis (EOS) reference time, in 0.9% aqueous sodium chloride. The pH of the solution is between 4.5 to 7.5. The recommended dose of radioactivity (10-20 mCi) is associated with a theoretical mass dose of 0.05-0.1 picomoles (8.47-16.94 picograms) of ammonia.
11.2 Physical Characteristics

Nitrogen N13 decays by emitting positron to Carbon C13 (stable) and has a physical half-life of 9.96 minutes. The principal photons useful for imaging are the dual 511 keV gamma photons that are produced and emitted simultaneously in opposite direction when the positron interacts with an electron (Table 2).

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<td>Gamma(±)*</td>
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*Produced by positron annihilation

The specific gamma ray constant (point source air kerma coefficient) for nitrogen N13 is 5.9 R/hr/mCi (1.39 x 10⁻⁶ Gy/hr/kBq) at 1 cm. The half-value layer (HVL) of lead (Pb) for 511 keV photons is 4 mm. Selected coefficients of attenuation are listed in Table 3 as a function of lead shield thickness. For example, the use of 39 mm thickness of lead will attenuate the external radiation by a factor of about 1000.

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*Calibration time

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Ammonia N 13 Injection is a radiolabeled analog of ammonia that is distributed to all organs of the body after intravenous administration. It is extracted from the blood in the coronary capillaries into the myocardial cells where it is metabolized to glutamine N 13 and retained in the cells. The presence of ammonia N 13 and glutamine N 13 in the myocardium allows for PET imaging of the myocardium.
12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Following intravenous injection, ammonia N 13 enters the myocardium through the coronary arteries. The PET technique measures myocardial blood flow based on the assumption of a three-compartmental disposition of intravenous ammonia N 13 in the myocardium. In this model, the value of the rate constant, which represents the delivery of blood to myocardium, and the fraction of ammonia N 13 extracted into the myocardial cells, is a measure of myocardial blood flow. Optimal PET imaging of the myocardium is generally achieved between 10 to 20 minutes after administration.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Following intravenous injection, Ammonia N 13 Injection is cleared from the blood with a biologic half-life of about 2.84 minutes (effective half-life of about 2.21 minutes). In the myocardium, its biologic half-life has been estimated to be less than 2 minutes (effective half-life less than 1.67 minutes).

The mass dose of Ammonia N 13 Injection is very small as compared to the normal range of ammonia in the blood (0.72-3.30 mg) in a healthy adult man. [see Description (11.1)]

Plasma protein binding of ammonia N 13 or its N 13 metabolites has not been studied.

Ammonia N 13 undergoes a five-enzyme step metabolism in the liver to yield urea N 13 (the main circulating metabolite). It is also metabolized to glutamine N 13 (the main metabolite in tissues) by glutamine synthesis in the skeletal muscles, liver, brain, myocardium, and other organs. Other metabolites of ammonia N 13 include small amounts of N 13 amino acid anions (acidic amino acids) in the forms of glutamate N 13 or aspartate N 13.

Ammonia N 13 is eliminated from the body by urinary excretion mainly as urea N 13.

The pharmacokinetics of Ammonia N 13 Injection have not been studied in renally impaired, hepatically impaired, or pediatric patients.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long term animal studies have not been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of Ammonia N 13 Injection. Genotoxicity assays and impairment of male and female fertility studies with Ammonia N 13 Injection have not been performed.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

In a descriptive, prospective, blinded image interpretation study2 of adult patients with known or suspected coronary artery disease, myocardial perfusion deficits in stress and rest PET images obtained with Ammonia N 13 (N=111) or Rubidium 82 (N=82) were compared to changes in stenosis flow reserve (SFR) as determined by coronary angiography. The principal outcome of the study was the evaluation of PET defect severity relative to SFR.

PET perfusion defects at rest and stress for seven cardiac regions (anterior, apical, anteroseptal, posteroseptal, anterolateral, posterolateral, and inferior walls) were graded on a 0 to 5 scale defined as normal (0), possible (1), probable (2), mild (3), moderate (4), and severe (5) defects. Coronary angiograms were used to measure absolute and relative stenosis dimensions and to calculate stenosis flow reserve defined as the maximum value of flow at maximum coronary vasodilatation relative to rest flow under standardized hemodynamic conditions. SFR scores ranged from 0 (total occlusion) to 5 (normal).
With increasing impairment of flow reserve, the subjective PET defect severity increased. A PET defect score of 2 or higher was positively correlated with flow reserve impairment (SFR<3).

15 REFERENCES

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Ammonia N 13 Injection is packaged in 30 mL multiple dose glass vial containing between 1.11 GBq to 11.1 GBq (30 mCi to 300 mCi) of [13N] ammonia, at the end of synthesis (EOS) reference time, in 0.9% sodium chloride injection solution. The total volume in the vial will vary. The recommended dose of radioactivity (10-20 mCi) is associated with a theoretical mass dose of 0.05-0.1 picomoles (8.47-16.94 picograms) of Ammonia.

Storage
Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F). Use the solution within 30 minutes of the End of Synthesis (EOS) calibration.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

17.1 Pre-study Hydration
Instruct patients to drink plenty of water or other fluids (as tolerated) in the 4 hours before their PET study.

17.2 Post-study Voiding
Instruct patients to void after completion of each image acquisition session and as often as possible for one hour after the PET scan ends.

17.3 Post-study Breastfeeding Avoidance
Instruct nursing patients to substitute stored breast milk or infant formula for breast milk for 2 hours after administration of Ammonia N 13 Injection.
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