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## **Iothalamate Sodium I 125**

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CASRN: 17692-74-9

# **Drug Levels and Effects**

# **Summary of Use during Lactation**

Information in this record refers to the use of iothalamate sodium I 125 as a kidney function diagnostic agent. No information is available on the use of iothalamate sodium I 125 during breastfeeding. However, the biologic half-life of iothalamate after intravenous administration is 1.5 hours with normal kidney function, so the drug will be almost completely eliminated from the body in 8 hours. This time may be longer in patients with impaired kidney function and in patients who receive the drug by subcutaneous injection.[1] If the mother has expressed and saved milk prior to the examination, she can feed it to the infant during the period of nursing interruption.[2-4]

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Mothers concerned about the level of radioactivity in their milk could ask to have it tested at a nuclear medicine facility at their hospital. When the radioactivity is at background levels, they may safely resume breastfeeding. A method for measuring milk radioactivity and determining the time when a mother can safely resume breastfeeding has been published.[5]

### **Drug Levels**

I 125 is a low-energy pure gamma emitter with a physical half-life of 59.4 days.[6]

#### **Effects in Breastfed Infants**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### **Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

# **Alternate Drugs to Consider**

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# **Substance Identification**

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Iothalamate Sodium I 125

## **CAS Registry Number**

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## **Drug Class**

**Breast Feeding** 

Lactation

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Iodine Radioisotopes

Diagnostic Agents