



Radioiodine Therapy for Feline Hyperthyroidism

See for yourself how Radioiodine compares to Methimazole

| RADIOIODINE (I-131) | METHIMAZOLE |
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| Cures hyperthyroidism | Hyperthyroidism never cured, only controlled |
| One time expense; no surprise costs or ongoing charges | Ultimately the most expensive method of therapy, costing more than surgery or radioiodine |
| No side effects | Side effects very common |
| Single subcutaneous injection | Life-long daily oral or transdermal treatment |
| Routine follow-up care | Frequent monitoring required |
| Post-treatment hypothyroidism rare with patient-specific I-131 dosing | Induction of hypothyroidism common |
| Destroys thyroid tumors regardless of size or location, including ectopic tumor tissue (i.e., sublingual to intrathoracic) | Thyroid tumor continues to grow requiring regular dose adjustments; may make regulation impossible |
| High-dose radioiodine can destroy invasive and metastatic thyroid carcinoma | Thyroid tumor can undergo malignant transformation and invade or metastasize during long-term medical treatment |
| Only effective treatment for cats with thyroid carcinoma | Not effective in cats with thyroid carcinoma |
| Renal hypertension and proteinuria resolve | Unless well-regulated, glomerular hypertension and proteinuria persist |
| Stops progression of renal disease associated with hyperthyroidism | Unless perfectly regulated, persistent renal hypertension may cause progression of renal failure |
| Longest survival | Shortest survival |



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