Radionuclide therapy

The administration of open radionuclides for therapeutical purposes. The radiopharmaceuticals get **right to the cells** to be destroyed, and act there locally.

Generally beta- (rarely alpha-) radiating nuclides are used, as beta radiation reaches only a small neighborhood of its source.

Most common aims of radionuclide therapy:

- · Intracavital therapy
- Radioimmunotherapy
- Pain-killing therapy of bone metastases
- Radioiodine therapy of hyperthyreosis
- Radioiodine therapy of thyroid carcinoma and its metastases

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metastases

Radiosynoviorthesis





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Intracavital therapy

The injection of radionuclides right into some body cavities (that is not through the bloodstream or lymphatic drains).

Synovium

Indication: Chronic synovitis

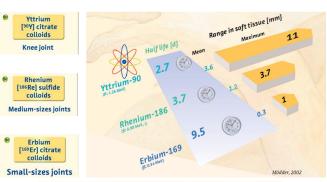
Mechanism: Irradiating the cells of the synovial membrane decreases fluid production.

- Pleura
- Peritoneum
- · Intrathecal therapy
- · Cvsts

Colloidal radiopharmaceuticals are administered,

labeled by: 186Rhenium, 169Erbium, 90Yttrium, 32Phosphor, 198Gold

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Radioimmunotherapy:

with labeled (monoclonal) antibodies, against various tumor-antigens

Administration: Generally i.v.

peritoneum: intraperitoneal infusion

Radionuclide: lodine-131

Lutetium-177

- Problems:
- Bonds to and mostly effects the surface of the tumor
- Short period
- HAMA ("human anti-mouse antibody") is produced
 not repeatable.

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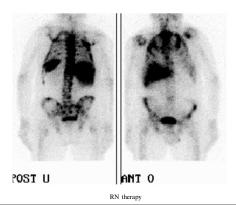
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Pain-killing therapy of bone metastases

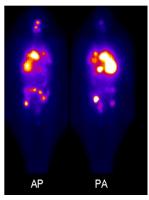
Radionuclide	T _{1/2} (days)	Energy
⁸⁹ Sr	50.5	1.49 MeV
¹⁸⁶ Re	3.78	1.07
⁹⁰ Y	2.67	2.28
¹⁵³ Sm	1.95	0.81

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Pain-killing therapy of bone metastases :Sm-153-Multibone



Radioiodine therapy of thyroid carcinoma and its metastases



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Palliative therapy of bone metastases

• Rhenium-186 HEDP

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- Strontium-89 Metastron
- Yttrium-90 "Multibone"

Dose calculation schemes

Method:	Thyr. size	Max. uptake	Elimination
Fixed dose			
For unit mass			
Absorbed dose			

"The aim of treatment with ¹³¹I is to achieve a **nonhyperthyroid** status"

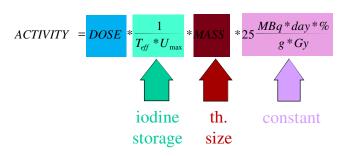
"The **individual calculation** approach seems advisable in patients <45 years of age, and especially in children in whom radioiodine therapy is under consideration"

(EANM Guideline)

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Calculation of radioiodine activity for the therapy of hyperthyreosis

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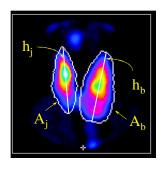
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Default values of planned doses Graves disease: Toxic (multi)nodular goiter: Without nodes: 70 Gy For the whole thyroid: 150 Gy

Mass estimation: lobes separately

$$m = (h_b * A_b + h_j * A_j) * 0.4$$

$$\frac{absz(h_b - h_j)}{h_b + h_j} \ge 0.2$$

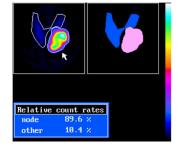


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Mass estimation: node only

$$m = 0.436 * A^{1.5}$$

With nodes: 100 Gy



For the nodule: 350 G

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Volume estimation with ultrasound

(a) Supposing ellipsoid

$$V = k * a * b * c$$

where exactly: $k = \pi/6 = 0.524$ approximation: $k \approx 0.5$

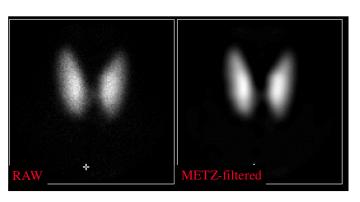
c = b or c = 0.8*b

(b) Summing slice areas $V = \sum_{i} A_{i} * \Delta h_{i}$





Restoration filter on normal image



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Restoration filter on abnormal image

