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Radioactive Iodine Therapy
Client Checklist

We strive to make the referral and treatment process as easy as possible for you and your feline family member. If your cat has been diagnosed with hyperthyroidism and you are interested in the radioactive iodine treatment, SCVS will need a referral from your regular veterinarian. Once we have this referral, *we will call you* to schedule the initial appointment. All appointments are made for Tuesday mornings. Your cat will stay with us for a minimum of five (5) days to a maximum of seven (7) days. During his time, you will receive daily updates on your cat's status and be informed when they are ready to go home.

- ✓ If your cat is on methimazole (Tapazole) then this will need to be discontinued at least seven (7) days prior to having the radioactive iodine treatment.

Once your appointment is made you will need to make sure that you bring the following items to your appointment:

- ✓ X-rays taken at your regular veterinarian unless arrangements have been made for us to take them at our hospital. We will already have the medical record and lab results.
- ✓ Enough food for the length of stay (usually 5-7 days)
- ✓ Cat carrier
- ✓ Any items you wish to be kept with your cat during their stay. Please remember that items that enter our iodine facility cannot be returned to you due to DHEC regulations.

A doctor will meet with you at the time of the appointment to explain the treatment process and answer any questions you have.