



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 received a diagnosis of hyperthyroidism and you are interested in the radioactive iodine treatment, South Carolina Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Care (SCVSEC) will need a referral from your family veterinarian. Once we have this referral, we will call you to schedule the initial appointment. We will schedule you to drop your pet off on a Tuesday morning. Your cat will stay with us for a minimum of five (5) days to a maximum of seven (7) days. During this time, you will receive daily updates on your cat's status and we will inform you when they are ready to go home.

*****If your cat is on Methimazole (Tapazole) it will need to be discontinued at least seven (7) days prior to having the radioactive iodine treatment.***

Once your appointment is scheduled, you will need to make sure that you bring the following items to meet with the internist:

1. Radiographs taken by your family veterinarian unless they can email these to us prior to the appointment or you would like us to take them at our hospital. We will already have the medical record and lab results from your veterinarian's office
2. Enough food to last your cat 7-10 days
3. Cat carrier
4. Any items you wish to stay with your cat during their stay (blankets, towels, clothing, toys, etc.). Please remember that items that enter our radioactive iodine facility will not return to you due to DHEC regulations.
5. A doctor will meet with you at the time of the appointment to explain the treatment process and answer any questions you have.

One of our internists will meet with you at the time of the appointment to explain the treatment process, discharge instructions and to answer any questions you may have.